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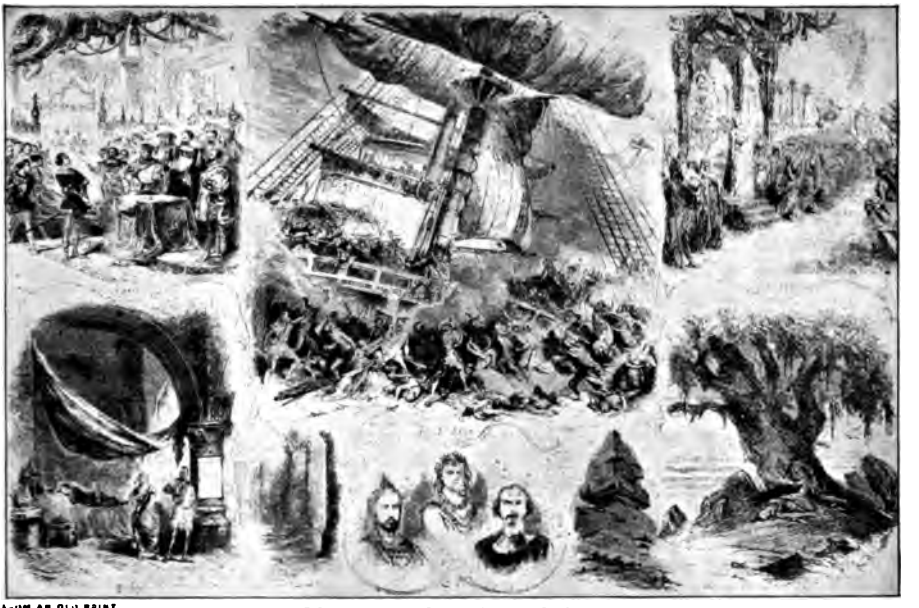

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*Scene in the Prison—Act II*

SCENES FROM L'AFRICAINE

*The Massacre—Act III*

*The Indian Paradise—Act IV*
*The Fatal Tree—Act V*

(Italian)

# L'AFRICANA

(*Laf-ree-kah'-nah*)

(French)

# L'AFRICAINE

(*Laf-ree-kahn*)

(German)

# DIE AFRIKANERIN

(*Dee Ah-free-kah'-ner-in*)

(English)

# THE AFRICAN

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

Text by Scribe; music by Meyerbeer. First produced at the *Opéra*, Paris, April 28, 1865. First London production in Italian, under the French title, at Covent Garden, July 22, 1865; and in English at the Royal English Opera, Covent Garden, October 21, 1865. First American production December 1, 1865, with a cast including Saxe, Batteo, Naudin and Faure, and the opera has since been absent from New York but a few years at a time. Minnie Hauk, Mme. Moran-Oldin, Mme. Bettaque, Mme. Breval, Lillian Nordica and Mme. Litvinne are some of the famous *prima donne* who have appeared as *Selika;* and *Vasco di Gama* has been sung by Campanini, Giannini, Perotti, Grienauer, Dippel, de Reszke and Tamagno. Produced at the New Orleans Opera December 18, 1869. Some noted Metropolitan revivals were in 1901 with Breval, de Reszké, Adams, Plançon and Journet; 1906, with Caruso (his first appearance in the rôle), Fremstad, Plançon and Journet.

Strangely enough, Scribe gave Meyerbeer the libretto in 1838, and part of the music was written then, but the two could not agree as to alterations, and it was not until 1852 that Scribe furnished a revised book. The work was not completed until 1860, nor produced until 1865, two years after Meyerbeer's death.

FAURE AS NELUSKO, 1865

**Characters in the Opera**

, formerly an African princess . . . . . Soprano
Don Diego . . . . . Soprano
. . . . . Contralto
lave, formerly an African chief . . . . . Basso
President of the Royal Council . . . . . Basso
. . . . . Basso
) Member of the Council . . . . . Basso
(*Brah'-mah*) . . . . . Basso
he Council . . . . . Tenor
*dee Gah'-mah*) an officer in the Portuguese Navy, Tenor
nquisitors, Sailors, Indians and Attendant Ladies.

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*ortugal, on Don Pedro's ship at sea, and in India.*

*ouncil Chamber of the King of Portugal*

rtugal, in the King's Council Chamber, whither *Vasco* discovery of a strange land, producing two of the nati f. In this scene is given the noble and stately chorus

**(Thou Whom the Universe Adores)**

(*In Italian*) ***62614 10-inch, $0.7**

Council, who wishes to marry *Vasco's* sweetheart, *Ine* the explorer's tale and throw him into prison with h

T II—*Prison of the Inquisition*

een asleep on a bench, while *Selika* watches over him. Sh ngs a beautiful lullaby.

SCENE, ACT II

PHOTO NADAR KRAUSS AS SELIKA

The slave, seeing her master's grief over his inability to find the route to the unknown country, reveals to him the location of the coveted land. *Vasco,* overcome with gratitude, embraces her, and the duet follows.

## Sei l'angiol diletto (Oh! Guardian Angel!)

By Tina Farelli, Soprano, and Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor

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*Inez* consents to marry *Don Pedro* in order to save *Vasco,* who is released, but too late to prevent his enemy from sailing in search of the unknown land, carrying with him *Vasco's* private papers and maps as well as the two slaves, *Selika* and *Nelusko.* The latter, who loves *Selika,* has discovered her attachment for *Vasco,* and through jealousy offers to guide *Don Pedro* to his country. The young officer secures a ship and goes in pursuit.

ACT III—*Deck of Don Pedro's Ship*

## Preludio (Prelude to Act III)

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Act III shows the decks of *Don Pedro's* vessel. *Nelusko,* who is secretly plotting to destroy the ship, is brooding over his plans; and his gloomy bearing being noticed by the sailors,

SCENE, ACT III

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ılly ask him to relate the old legend
e seas.

## :ll' onde profonde

ı)

ıto, Baritone, and Chorus
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gada, Baritone
*talian*) *62407 10-inch, 75

arch of the pathless deep,
ing waves
ce winds tramping;
teeds vex the misty sea,
! Beware, mariner!
rolls o'er the deep,
en beware!
ıg's flash reveals to thine eye,
aves seek the storm-laden sky.
lost,
wretch no tomb,
a watery grave!

ed, and amid the preparations for ship is seen, which proves to be mes on board, is promptly seized out to be executed, when *Selika* threatens to kill *Inez* unless her rant reluctantly yields, but after- flogged. The storm breaks, and in its midst the ship is boarded by Indians, fellow-countrymen of *Nelusko*, and the entire ship's company are either killed or made prisoners.

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AMATO AS NELUSKO

SCENE, ACT IV

The soldiers are about to kill *Vasco*, but he is saved by *Selika*, who announces that he is her chosen husband. *Nelusko* is forced to remain silent by threats that *Selika* will destroy herself. *Vasco*, forgetting *Inez*, yields to the spell and weds the Queen by the native rites.

## ACT V—SCENE I—*The Queen's Gardens*

At the beginning of the last act, *Inez*, who had escaped from the prison, is captured and brought before the Queen, who becomes convinced that *Vasco* still loves the Portuguese maiden. In a moment of generosity she sacrifices her own feelings and assists the lovers to escape.

## SCENE II—*Promontory Over the Sea*

The final scene shows a promontory from which *Selika* is watching the ship bearing *Inez* and *Vasco* toward Portugal. As the vessel disappears from view she advances toward the deadly mancanilla tree, the fumes of which are death.

SELIKA:
Aye! here I look upon the mighty sea—boundless—infinite
As is my woe!
Its waves in angry fury break, and then anon their course renew,
As doth my sorrowing heart!

*(Observing the mancanilla tree.)*
Thou leafy temple, thou vault of foliage dark,
After life's weary tumult I now come
To seek repose of thee, and find oblivion from my woes.
Yes! thy shade eternal is like the darkness of the tomb!

Gathering the fatal flowers, she inhales their perfume, sadly saying: "Farewell, my Vasco, I forgive thee," and is soon overcome and sinks unconscious beneath the tree. *Nelusko*, who has come in search of her, finds her dying; and in a frenzy of grief, also inhales the deadly blossoms and falls lifeless by her side.

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(Italian)

# AIDA

(*Ah-ee'-dah*)

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text translated from the French of Locle by Antonio Ghislanzoni. Music by Giuseppe Verdi. First produced in Cairo, December 24, 1871; at La Scala, Milan, under the direction of the composer himself, February 8, 1872; at Naples in March, 1872; at Parma, April, 1872; Berlin, 1874; in Paris, at the *Theatre Italien*, April 22, 1876; revived at the same theatre in 1878; and given at the Opéra, March 22, 1880, where it has since been one of the most popular of all operas. First London production at Covent Garden, June 22, 1876; produced at St. Petersburg, in Russian, 1879. First performance in America at the Academy of Music, New York, November 26, 1873, the cast including Torriani, Cary, Campanini and Maurel. Produced in Philadelphia, December 12, 1873; and at the New Orleans Opera, December 6, 1878. The opera has always been a favorite one in America, and but few seasons have passed since 1873 without from ten to thirty performances. In 1904 Caruso made his first appearance at the Metropolitan as *Rhadames*. A highly impressive open air production was given in 1912 at the foot of the pyramids of Egypt.

### Characters of the Drama

AIDA, an Ethiopian slave ..... Soprano
THE KING OF EGYPT ..... Bass
AMNERIS, (*Am-nay'-iss*) his daughter ..... Mezzo-Soprano
RHADAMES, (*Rahd'-ah-maze*) Captain of the Guard ..... Tenor
AMONASRO, (*Am-oh-nahz'-roh*) King of Ethiopia ..... Baritone
RAMFIS, (*Rahm'-fiss*) High Priest ..... Bass
A MESSENGER ..... Tenor

Priests, Priestesses, Ministers, Captains, Soldiers, Officials, Ethiopian Slaves and Prisoners, Egyptians, etc.

*The scene is laid in Memphis and Thebes, in Pharaoh's time.*

© MISHKIN CARUSO AS RHADAMES

This opera was written by request of the Viceroy of Egypt, who wished to celebrate the opening of his new Opera House at Cairo by the production of a work upon an Egyptian subject from the pen of the most popular composer of the time. It is one of the longest of all operas, lasting four hours and forty minutes when given without cuts. No opera of Verdi's has proved more popular than Aida, with the possible exception of Trovatore, and it is beloved by opera-goers the world over. The story originated with Marietta Bey, the famous Egyptologist, and seems to have inspired Verdi to unusual efforts.

*Aida*, daughter of *Amonasro*, King of Ethiopia, has been captured by the Egyptians and is a slave at the Court of Memphis, where she and the young soldier *Rhadames* have fallen in love with each other. *Rhadames* goes to the Egyptian war, and during his absence the *King's* daughter, *Amneris*, discovers his attachment and is furious, as she herself loves *Rhadames*.

*Rhadames* returns, covered with glory and bringing many prisoners, among them *Amonasro*, *Aida's* father. The *King* releases all the prisoners except *Amonasro*, and bestows his daughter on the unwilling *Rhadames*.

In the next scene *Amonasro* forces his daughter to persuade *Rhadames* to become a traitor. The latter's love for *Aida* and his distaste for the approaching union with *Amneris* lead him to consent. Amneris,

ard the plot, and after vainly trying to abandon *Aida*, she denounces him as a emned to be buried alive. When the vault *Aida*, who had concealed herself there th him; and the lovers slowly suffocate in

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SLEZAK AS RHADAMES

Italian Band *17729 10-inch, $0.75

le is too little known to the music-loving ng that an audience is seldom seated when nusic is too delicate for it to be properly sion.

## ACT I

*the Palace. Through the grand gate at the he Pyramids and the Temples of Memphis*

showing a hall in the palace of the King *Rhadames* and the High Priest, *Ramfis*, are g invasion of Ethiopia; and *Ramfis* hints brave warrior may be chosen to command *lames*, left alone, hopes that he himself l honor, and promises to lay his triumphs *a*.

## Heavenly Aida)

uso, Tenor

(*In Italian*) 88127 12-inch, $3.00

Martinelli, Tenor (*In Italian*) 74424 12-inch, $1.50

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GADSKI AS AIDA

The *King's* daughter, *Amneris*, enters, and seeing the young warrior's glowing enthusiasm, delicately hints of her secret affection for him, saying:

AMNERIS:
What unwonted fire in thy glance!
With what noble pride glows thy face!
Worthy of envy—oh, how much—
Would be the woman whose beloved aspect
Should awaken in thee this light of joy!

*Rhadames* begins to explain his hope of securing the command of the expedition, when *Aida* enters, and the young soldier's expressive glance reveals to *Amneris* his love for the Egyptian slave.

The *King* and his guards enter and receive a messenger, who reports that Egypt has been invaded by the Ethiopian army, under the command of *Amonasro*. ("My father!" exclaims *Aida* aside.) Amid great excitement *Rhadames* is appointed leader of the army, and is presented with a banner by *Amneris*.

The *King* begins another trio, urging the Egyptian forces to guard with their lives the sacred Nile.

## Su! del Nilo (Nilus' Sacred Shores!)

**By Elena Ruszcowska, Soprano; Maria Cappiello, Mezzo-Soprano; Tapergi and Davi (*In Italian*) 88266 12-inch, $3.00**

Following the trio comes a grand chorus:

To battle! We'll hunt the invader down.
On! Rhadames, thy brow may laurels crown!

All depart to prepare for the expedition, while *Aida*, left alone, gives way to her grief and sings the beautiful *Ritorna vincitor*, expressing her conflicting emotions.

## Ritorna vincitor (Return Victorious!)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88137 12-inch, $3.00**

AIDA:
Return victorious! And from my lips
Went forth the impious word! Conqueror
Of my father—of him who takes arms
For me—to give me again
A country; a kingdom; and the illustrious name
Which here I am forced to conceal!
The insane word forget, O gods;
Return the daughter
To the bosom of her father;
Destroy the squadrons of our oppressors!. . .
What am I saying? And my love,
Can I ever forget
This fervid love which oppresses and enslaves,
As the sun's ray which now blesses me?
Shall I call death on Rhadames—
On him whom I love so much?
Ah! Never on earth was heart torn by more cruel agonies!

She gives way to her emotion for a brief moment, then sings the lovely and appealing

## I sacri nomi (The Sacred Names)

**By Celestina Boninsegna, Soprano**
**88223** (*In Italian*) **12-inch, $3.00**

Rousing herself she calls on her gods for aid and goes slowly out as the curtain falls.

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EAMES AS AIDA

SCENE II—*The Temple of Vulcan—in the centre an altar, illuminated by a mysterious light from above*

*Ramfis*, the High Priest, and the priests and priestesses have assembled to bless the expedition. The chant in praise of *Ptah* is heard from an invisible choir. *Rhadames* enters and receives the consecrated veil.

RAMFIS:
Mortal, beloved of the gods, to thee
Is confided the fate of Egypt. Let the holy sword
Tempered by the gods, in thy hand become
To the enemy, terror—a thunderbolt-death!

RHADAMES:
God, who art leader and arbiter
Of every human war,
Protect thou and defend
The sacred soil of Egypt!

## Nume, custode e vindice (God, Guardian and Avenger)

**By Antonio Paoli, Tenor; Perello de Segurola, Bass; and Chorus** (*In Italian*) **88268 12-inch, $3.00**

*Ramfis* then sings the closing invocation, in which *Rhadames* joins. He is invested with the sacred armor, and as the priestesses perform the mystic dance the curtain slowly falls.

## ACT II

SCENE I—*A hall in Amneris' apartments*

The curtain rises, showing the Princess and her slaves, who are adorning her for the triumphal festival in honor of *Rhadames*, just returned with his victorious army. *Amneris* and the slaves sing the ode to the returned hero.

## Chi mai fra (His Glory Now Praise)

**By Maria Capiello, Mezzo-Soprano, and Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***55005 12-inch, $1.50**

Seeing *Aida* approaching, the Princess dismisses her slaves and prepares to enjoy her revenge.

This scene is expressed in a splendid duet, given here in two records by Mmes. Gadski and Homer, and in condensed form by two La Scala artists.

## Fu la sorte dell' armi ('Neath the Chances of Battle)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Louise Homer, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **89024 12-inch, $4.00**

## Alla pompa, che s'appreste (In the Pageant Now Preparing)

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HOMER AS AMNERIS

## Ebben qual nuovo fremito (What New Alarm?)

**By Elena Ruszcowska, Soprano, and Bianca Lavin de Casas, Mezzo-Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88263 12-inch, $3.00**

*Amneris* pretends to sympathize with the afflicted girl, saying:

AMNERIS:
The fate of arms was deadly to thy people.
Poor Aida! The grief
Which weighs down thy heart I share with thee.
I am thy friend;
Time will heal the anguish of thy heart,
And more than time—a powerful god-love.

AIDA:
Oh! love immortal! oh! joy and sorrow,
Sweetest delirium, dark doubts and woes!
As in thy trials new life I borrow,
A heav'n of rapture thy smiles disclose.

AMNERIS (*aside*):
This death-like pallor, this strong emotion,
Plainly reveal the fever of love!
(*To Aida*):
Among the braves who fought so well,
Has someone a tender sorrow haply waken'd in your heart?

AIDA:
What say'st thou?

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AMNERIS:
Tremble! I read thy secret,
Thou lov'st him! lie no longer!
I love him too—dost thou hear?
I am thy rival, daughter of kings Egyptian.

AIDA:
Thou my rival? 'tis well, so be it—
Ah, what have I said? forgive and pity,
Ah, let this my sorrow thy warm heart move.
'Tis true I adore him with boundless love—
Thou art so happy, thou art so mighty,
I cannot live hence from love apart!

AMNERIS:
Tremble, vile minion! be ye heartbroken,
Warrant of death this love shall betoken!
In the pomp which approaches,
With me, O slave, thou shall assist;
Thou prostrate in the dust—
I on the throne beside the King;
Come, follow me, and thou shalt learn
If thou canst contend with me!

AIDA:
Ah, pity! What more remains to me?
My life is a desert;
This love which angers thee
In the tomb I will extinguish!

Always a highly impressive number, this duet is dou
so when given by such famous exponents of the p
of *Aida* and *Amneris*. Mme. Gadski's *Aida* is one of
most effective rôles—splendidly acted and vocally perf
while Mme. Homer's impersonation of the Egyptian Prin
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treasures, and finally *Rhadames*,
lve slaves; the procession headed
g the famous Triumphal March.

BERT, PARIS

CARUSO AS RHADAMES

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and *35265 12-inch, $1.25

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uding *Amonasro*, who is dressed
and cries, "What do I see! My
nd *Amonasro* signals to *Aida* not
then sings his recital:

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## Quest' assisa ch'io vesto (This Dress Has Told You)

**By Ernesto Badini, Baritone; Sra. Fabris, Soprano; Lavin de Casas, Mezzo-Soprano; Egidio Cunego, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **88264 12-inch, $3.00**

AMONASRO:

I am her father. I went to war,
Was conquered, and death I sought in vain.
(*Pointing to his uniform*)
This habit I wear may tell you
That I have defended my king and my country.
Fate was hostile to our arms;
Vain was the courage of the brave!
At my feet, in the dust extended,
Lay the King, transfixed by many wounds;
If the love of country is a crime
We are all criminals—all ready to die!
(*Turning to the King with a supplicating accent*)
But thou, O King, thou powerful lord,
Be merciful to these men.
To-day we are stricken by Fate,
To-morrow Fate may smite thee!

LABDE THE GREAT CONSECRATION SCENE

The people and prisoners appeal to the *King* for mercy, while the priests demand that the captives be put to death. *Rhadames*, seeing the hesitation of the *King*, reminds him of his vow, and demands life and liberty for the captured Ethiopians. The *King* yields, stipulating only that *Aida* and her father be held as hostages, and then announces that *Rhadames* shall have the hand of *Amneris* as his reward.

The magnificent finale then follows, *Aida* and *Rhadames* gazing at each other in despair, *Amneris* glorying in her triumph, and *Amonasro* swearing secret vengeance against his captors. The curtain falls amid general rejoicing.

### ACT III

SCENE I—*A moonlight night on the banks of the Nile—the Temple of Isis can be seen, half concealed by palm trees*

As the curtain rises on this beautiful scene, a chorus within the Temple is heard in a chant of praise.

## tu che sei d'Osiride (Oh, Thou Who Art Osiris)

**By Maria Cappiello, Soprano, and Chorus** (*Double-faced—see page 27*) (*In Italian*) **55005 12-inch, $1.**

A boat approaches, bearing *Rhadames* and *Amneris*, who the Temple.

us (*in the temple*):
Thou who art of Osiris,
ther immortal and spouse,
idess who awakens the beatings
the heart of human creatures,
ne piteous to our help,
ther of eternal love.

AMNERIS:
I will pray that Rhadames n
give me
His whole heart—as mine to hi
Is consecrated forever!

*Aida*, veiled, cautiously enters, hoping that *Rhadames* w
e thither, and sings a tender and despairing song of th
ly land which she may never see again.

(*Italian*) (*German*) (*English*)

## patria mia—Mein Vaterland—My Native Land

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano**
(*In Italian*) **88042 12-inch, $3.**
**By Emmy Destinn** (*In Italian*) **88469 12-inch, 3.**
**By Emmy Destinn** (*In German*) **92058 12-inch, 3.**
**By Celestina Boninsegna**
(*In Italian*) **88239 12-inch, 3.**
**By Lucy Isabelle Marsh**
(*In Italian*) **60098 10-inch,**

ee shall I return!
ft airs blowing,
ny dawn of life
'd waters flowing,

O home beloved, I ne'er shall see thee mo
O fresh and fragrant vales, O quiet dwelli
Promise of happy days of love that bore.
Now hope is banish'd, love and yonder dre
dispelling,
O home beloved, I ne'er shall see thee mo

his air, one of the most effective in the opera, are given he
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12-inch, $4.00

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*12-inch, $3.00*

LANDE DESTINN AND SCOTTI IN AIDA

AIDA:
Heaven! My father!
AMONASRO:
Grave affairs lead me to thee, Aida.
Nothing escapes my sight; thou art destroying
Thyself with love for Rhadames; He loves thee
And here thou waitest him.
The daughter of the Pharoahs is thy rival—
An intamous race, abhorred and fatal to us!
AIDA:
And I am in her power! I, the daughter of Amonasro.
AMONASRO:
In her power! No! If thou wishest,
This powerful rival thou shalt defeat,
And country, and throne, and love all shall be thine.
Thou shalt see again the balmy forests,
The fresh valleys, our temples of gold!
AIDA (*with transport*):
I shall see again the balmy forests,
Our valleys, our temples of gold!
AMONASRO:
Thou rememberest that the merciless Egyptian
Profaned our houses, temples and altars;
Mothers, old men and children he slew.
AIDA:
Ah! well I remember those unhappy days.
I remember the grief that my heart suffered.
AMONASRO:
Then delay not. In arms now is roused
Our people—everything is ready—
Victory we shall have. It only remains for me to know
What path the enemy will follow.
AIDA:
Who will be able to discover it? Whoever?
AMONASRO:
Thyself!
AIDA:
I?
AMONASRO:
Rhadames will come here soon—he loves thee—
He leads the Egyptians. Dost thou understand?
AIDA:
Horror! What dost thou counsel me? No, no! Never!

## Su, dunque! (Up, Then!)

**By Johanna Gadski and Pasquale Amato** (*Italian*) **89068 12-inch, $4.00**

**With growing excitement he describes the consequences of her refusal.**

AMONASRO (*with savage rage*):
Up, then!
Rise, Egyptian legions!
With fire destroy our cities—
Spread terror, carnage and death.
To your fury there is no longer check!
AIDA:
Ah, father!
AMONASRO (*repulsing her*):
My daughter
Dost thou call thyself?
AIDA (*terrified and suppliant*):
Pity!
AMONASRO:
Rivers of Blood pour
On the cities of the vanquished—
Seeth thou? From the black gulfs
The dead are raised—
To thee they point and cry;
For thee the country dies!
AIDA:
Pity!
AMONASRO:
A horrible ghost
Among the shadows to us approaches—
Tremble! the fleshless arms
Over thy head it raised—
It is thy mother—recognize her—
She curses thee!
AIDA (*in the greatest terror*):
Ah, no! Father!
AMONASRO (*repulsing her*):
Go, unworthy one! Thou'rt not my offspring—
Thou art the slave of the Pharaohs!
AIDA (*yielding*):
Father, their slave I am not—
Reproach me not—curse me not;
Thy daughter again thou canst call me—
Of my country I will be worthy!
AMONASRO:
Courage! he comes—there, I shall hear all.
(*Conceals himself among the palm trees.*)

***Rhadames*** **now enters and tries to embrace her, but she repulses him, saying bitterly:**

AIDA:
The rites of another love await thee,
Thou spouse of Amneris!

**He protests that he loves *Aida* alone, but she bids him prove his affection by fleeing with her.**

## Fuggiam gli ardori (Ah! Fly With Me)

**By Lucy Marsh, Soprano, and Paul Althouse, Tenor** (*Double-Faced—See page 27*)
(*In Italian*) **55058 12-inch, $1.50**

AIDA:
Ah! fly with me, and leave behind
These deserts bare and blighted;
Some country, new and fresh to find,
Where we may love united.
There, 'mid virgin forest groves,
By fair sweet flow'rs scented,
In quiet joy contented, the world will we forget!

COPY'T MISHKIN
ZEROLA AS RHADAMES

**He finally consents, and reveals to her that the army will go by the pass of Napata. *Amonasro*, who has overheard, now enters, and *Rhadames* is horrified at the knowledge that he has betrayed the army to the King of Ethiopia.**

temple, pauses behind a pillar and overhears the final wor
in and denounces the guilty trio. *Aida* and *Amonasro* esca
dy as a traitor.

## ACT IV

*Palace—on one side a door leading to Rhadames' prison cell*

ED AS A TRAITOR

The curtain rises, disclosi
*Amneris* in an attitude of despa
She is torn between her lo
for *Rhadames* and a desire
vengeance, and finally ord
the prisoner brought before h

AMNERIS (*bitterly musing*):

My rival has escaped me—
And Rhadames awaits from
priests
The punishment of a traitor
Traitor he is not, though
revealed
The high secret of war.
wished to fly—
To fly with her—traitors all
To death, to death!
Oh, what am I saying? I l
him—
Oh! if he could love me!
I would save him—but how?
Let me try. Guards, Rhadan
comes.

first great duet of the act occurs.

### nsi (The Priests Assemble)

Enrico Caruso (*In Italian*) 89050 12-inch, $4.

### Aida Thou Hast

Enrico Caruso
89051 12-inch, $4.00

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COPY'T MISPRIN

DALMORES AS RHADAMES

## Ohimè! Morir mi sento (Ah, me! Death Approaches!)

**By Lavin de Casas, Mezzo-Soprano; Rizzo Sant' Elia, Bass; and Chorus** (*In Italian*) **88270 12-inch, $3.00**

***Amneris,*** **seeing** ***Rhadames*** **taken out by the Priests, repents her harshness and sinks down desolate on a seat.**

AMNERIS (*falling on a chair, overcome*):
Ah me! Death's hand approaches! who now will save him?
He is now in their power.
His sentence I have sealed—Oh, how I curse thee,
Jealousy, vile monster, thou who hast doomed him
To death, and me to everlasting sorrow!
(*Turns and sees Ramfis and the Priests, who cross the stage and enter the subterranean hall.*)
What see I? Behold of death
The ministers fatal, his merciless judges.
Ah, let me not behold those white robed phantoms!
(*Covers her face with her hands. The voice of Ramfis can be heard within.*)

RAMFIS:
Rhadames, Rhadames: thou hast betrayed
Of thy country the secrets to aid the foeman:

PRIESTS:
Defend thyself!

RAMFIS:
Rhadames, Rhadames: and thou wast absent
From the camp the very day before the combat!

PRIESTS:
Defend thyself!

RAMFIS:
Rhadames, Rhadames: and thou hast played
The part of a traitor to King, and to honor!

PRIESTS:
Defend thyself!

RAMFIS:
He is silent.

ALL:
Traitor vile!

RAMFIS:
Rhadames, we thy fate have decided,
Of all traitors the fate shall be thine—
'Neath the altar whose God thou'st derided
Thou a sepulchre living shall find.

AMNERIS:
Find a sepulchre living! Hated wretches!
Ever vengeful, blood-thirsty and blind!

SCOMPARINI THE DESPAIR OF AMNERIS—ACT IV

## Sacerdoti, compiste un delitto! (Priests, a Crime You Have Enacted!)

**By Lavin de Casas, Mezzo-Soprano; F. Rizzi, Bass; and Chorus** (*In Italian*) **88323 12-inch, $3.00**

**The priests now enter from the crypt and pass across the hall. The wretched woman denounces them.**

Priests of Heaven, a crime you have enacted,
Tigers even in bloodshed exulting,
Earthly justice and Heaven's you are insulting,
On the guiltless your sentence will fall!

PRIESTS: (*Departing slowly.*)
None can his doom recall!

AMNERIS:
Impious priesthood, curses light on ye all!
On your heads Heaven's vengeance will fall!
(*Exit wildly.*)

**This is one of the most impressive records of the** ***Aida*** **series. The despair of the wretched** ***Amneris,*** **and the solemn reply of the unbending priests are wonderfully expressed by Verdi.**

SCENE II—*Interior of the Temple of Vulcan—below a Subterranean Apartment*

*"The work finishes in serenity and peace, and such terminatio the most beautiful. Above, the temple full of light, where t monies continue immutable in the sanctuary of the indifferent gods w, two human beings dying in each other's arms. Their song and death is among the most beautiful of all music."—Camil laigue.*

When we hear the expression "the duet from Aida," ou ughts always instinctively turn to this number at the clos the work. There are other duets in the opera, some of the numbers, but this is the *great* one—perhaps the most in sely dramatic and melodiously beautiful of all Verdi's wri s.

## fatal pietra (The Fatal Stone)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Enrico Caruso, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **89028 12-inch, $4.0**

**By Nicola Zerola, Tenor** (*Part of scene—* **"To die, so pure and lovely!"**) (*In Italian*) **74225 12-inch, 1.5**

This last scene is a highly picturesque one. Above w the splendid Temple of Ptah, where priests and priestesse chanting their strange songs. Below, a dark vault, in whos ith patience a slow death by starvation.

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I see heaven's gates are open wide
Where tears are never streaming,
Where only bliss and joy reside,
The bliss and joy of never fading, endles
love!

FROM AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH

CAMPANINI AS RHADAMES

The lovers sing their plaintive farewell to earth in hauntingly lovely strains, while in strange contrast the heathen chanting continues above.

## O terra addio (Farewell, O Earth)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Enrico Caruso, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **89029 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Lucy Isabelle Marsh, Soprano, and John McCormack, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **74398 12-inch, 1.50**

AIDA AND RHADAMES:
Farewell, O earth,
Farewell, thou dark vale of sorrow,
Brief dream of joy,
Condemned to end in woe!

See, brightly opens for us,
Brightly opens now the sky, and endless morrow,
There, all unshadow'd, shall eternal glow!

(*Curtain*)

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### DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS AIDA RECORDS

| | | | |
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| **Chi mai fra (His Glory Now Praise)** By Maria Cappiello, Mezzo-Soprano, and Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>**O tu che sei d'Osiride (Oh, Thou Who Art Osiris)** By Maria Cappiello, Mezzo-Soprano, and Chorus (*In Italian*) | 55005 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| **Celeste Aida (Heavenly Aida)** *Trombone* By Arthur Pryor<br>*Il Guarany Overture* *By Pryor's Band* | 35030 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **The Fatal Stone** *Cornet-Trombone* By Arthur Pryor, Emil Keneke and Pryor's Band<br>*Serenade (Titl) 'Cello-Flute By Louis Heine and Darius Lyons* | 35150 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Aida Fantasia** By Police Band of Mexico<br>*Cascades of Roses Waltz* *By Police Band of Mexico* | 35047 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Aida Selection** By Pryor's Band<br>*Attila—Grand Trio (Verdi)* *By Kryl's Bohemian Band* | 35195 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Aida Selection (Finale, Act II)** By Pryor's Orchestra | 31359 | 12-inch, | 1.00 |
| **Aida—Grand March** Vessella's Italian Band<br>*Rondo Capriccioso (Mendelssohn)* *Vessella's Italian Band* | 35265 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Marcha Triunfal (Triumphal March)** By Garde Republicaine Band<br>*Tosca—Tosca divina! (In Italian)* *By Gustavo Berl-Resky, Baritone* | 62409 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Prelude** Vessella's Italian Band<br>*Traviata—Prelude* *Vessella's Italian Band* | 17729 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Celeste Aida (Heavenly Aida)** (*In Italian*) Paul Althouse<br>*Standchen (Schubert) (In German)* *Paul Reimers* | 55045 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| **Fuggiam gli ardori (Ah! Fly With Me)** (*In Italian*) Lucy Marsh and Paul Althouse<br>*Madama Butterfly—O quanti occhi fisi (In Italian)* *Olive Kline and Paul Althouse* | 55058 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| **Gems from "Aida"—Part I** Victor Opera Company<br>Chorus, "Almighty Phtha"—Solo, "Heav'nly Aida" (Celeste Aida)—Women's Chorus, "Come Bind Thy Flowing Tresses"—Soprano Solo, "Love, Fatal Power"—Duet and Chorus, "On to Victory"<br>**Gems from "Aida"—Part II** Victor Opera Company<br>Chorus, "Glory to Isis"—Solo, "My Native Land" (O Patria Mia)—Solo and Chorus, "O King in Thy Power Transcendent"—Finale, Duet and Chorus, "Fatal Stone" | 35428 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

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Characters

ANDREA CHENIER .....
CHARLES GERARD .....
COUNTESS DE COIGNY .....
MADELEINE, her daughter .....
BERSI, her maid .....Me
ROUCHER .....
MATHIEU .....
MADELON .....
FLEVILLE .....
THE ABBE .....
SCHMIDT, jailer at St. Lazare .....
A SPY .....

Ladies, Gentlemen, Servants, Pages, Peasants, l
can Soldiers, Masqueraders, Judges, Juryn
Prisoners, etc.

*ime and Place: Paris; during the French Revolution.*

*Andrea Chenier,* a patriot, poet and dreamer, who was bor
Paris for his education. The French Revolution was in f
er of liberty and a hater of monarchs, he took vigorous side
nd finally guillotined on July 25, 1794. Illica's plot, however

## ACT I

## Improvviso—Un di all' azzurro spazio (Once O'er the Azure Fields)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **88060 12-inch, $3.00**

In this air *Chenier* sharply criticises the aristocracy, and speaks of the pride of the rich and its effect upon the poor. The guests are displeased at his lack of taste, and later, when *Gerard* appears with a crowd of ragged men and women, *Chenier* supports him and goes with the party when it is ordered from the castle

### ACT II

SCENE—*A Café on the Seine, Paris. Five years later*

*Bersi* and a spy are dining at one of the tables, while at another table nearby is *Andrea. Roucher* enters and tells the young man that he is in danger and is being watched, giving him a pass which will enable him to escape in case of necessity. *Andrea,* however, tells *Roucher* that he has a rendezvous that evening with an unknown lady, and the latter begs him not to go. *Bersi* goes into the café with the spy, but presently returning, mingles with the crowd and speaks to *Chenier,* begging him to await a lady whom she calls *Speranza.*

As darkness falls *Madeleine* appears and is recognized by both *Chenier* and the spy, who is concealed and watching from a distance. He hurries away to report to *Gerard,* and the young girl begs *Chenier* to save her from *Gerard.* They avow their love and are about to fly together when *Gerard* intercepts them and tries to drag *Madeleine* away, but *Roucher* interferes and escorts the girl to her home, while *Chenier* and *Gerard* draw their swords. *Gerard* is wounded, and warns *Chenier* that he is proscribed and begs him to save *Madeleine. Chenier* flees and the mob surrounds the wounded *Gerard,* while he declares his assailant is unknown to him.

### ACT III

SCENE—*At the Tribunal*

At a meeting of the people at which *Gerard* is spokesman, a spy enters and tells him that *Chenier* has been arrested and that *Madeleine* is not far away. The spy urges him to denounce *Chenier,* and after much hesitation he consents to draw up the necessary papers. He signs them and hands them to the spy, when *Madeleine* appears and offers herself in exchange for *Andrea's* life. *Gerard* is touched by the young girl's grief and promises to do what he can.

*Andrea* is brought before the judges and jury and denounced as a traitor, whereupon he speaks with deep feeling and defends himself with brilliancy.

## Si, fui soldato (I Was a Soldier)

**By Egidio Cunego, Tenor** (*Double-Faced—See below*) (*Italian*) **45012 10-inch, $1.00**

*Gerard,* regretting that he has signed the papers which condemned *Andrea,* rushes forward and testifies for him, but the people demand more victims, insisting upon the death sentence, and the prisoner is led away.

### ACT IV

SCENE—*The Prison of St. Lazare*

*Andrea* is in his cell, writing verses by the light of a lamp. *Madeleine* succeeds in getting into the prison by impersonating a recently pardoned prisoner, and by bribing his jailer. *Gerard* conducts her to *Andrea* and then goes for a last appeal to Robespierre. The lovers cling to each other in a last embrace, and at dawn, when the death wagon comes for *Andrea, Madeleine* goes to the guillotine to die with him.

### DOUBLE-FACED ANDREA CHENIER RECORDS

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| **Son sessant' anni (My Aged Father)** By Ernesto Badini, Baritone (*In Italian*)<br>**Si fui soldato (I Was a Soldier)** By Egidio Cunego, Tenor (*In Italian*) | **45012** | **10-inch, $1.00** |

ING OF ACT I, SCENE I, AT LA SCALA

(Italian)

# RBIERE DI SIVIGLIA

(*Eel Bahr-beay'-reh dee See-veel'-yah*)

(English)

# RBER OF SEVILLE

## IIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

poet; founded on the celebrated trilogy of Beaumarchai
nted at the Argentina Theatre in Rome, February 5, 181
Almaviva, or the Useless Precaution," to distinguish it fro
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First production in Germany at Brunswick, October 30, 182
16, 1820; Berlin, June 18, 1822. First New York productio
l Garcia and his company; sung at the New Orleans Oper
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appearance as *Rosina*, January 28, 1898; for Sembrich, wh
pearance in this work; in 1908 by Oscar Hammerstein, fo
re production with Lipkowska.

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**Cast**

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| *mah-vee'-vah*) | Tenor |
| physician | Bass |
| | Soprano |
| sic master | Bass |
| *-neh*) | Soprano |
| | Baritone |
| Count | Tenor |
| Chorus of Musicians, Chorus of Soldiers | |

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*Period: Seville, the seventeenth century.*

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f rapid composition, having been written in about fifteen days
t the fact is well authenticated. The composer had agreed t
*carnival of 1816*, the first of which was produced Decemb
*told that the* second would be required on January 20, 18

He agreed to have it completed, although he did not even know what the subject was! The libretto was given to him by Sterbini in sections, and he wrote the music as fast as the verses were furnished. While the opera did not achieve an instantaneous success, it gradually found favor with opera-lovers on account of its brightness and the manner in which the humor of its action is reflected in the music.

The plot of *Barber of Seville* is very simple. The *Count Almaviva* loves *Rosina*, the ward of *Dr. Bartolo*, a crusty old bachelor who secretly wishes to wed her himself. *Almaviva* persuades the village barber, *Figaro*, to arrange a meeting for him, and gains entrance to the house disguised as a dragoon, but is arrested by the guardian.

Not discouraged, he returns, pretending to be a substitute for *Rosina's* music teacher, who, he says, is ill. The appearance of the real *Don Basilio* spoils the plan, and the Count retreats for the second time, having, however, arranged a plan for elopement.

*Bartolo* finally arouses *Rosina's* jealousy by pretending that the Count loves another, and she promises to forget him and marry her guardian. When the time for the elopement arrives she meets the Count, intending to reproach him, but he convinces her of the treachery of *Bartolo*, and the lovers are wedded by a notary, just as *Bartolo* arrives with officers to arrest the Count.

## Overture to Barber of Seville

**By La Scala Orchestra, Milan** ***68010 12-inch, $1.25**

### ACT I

SCENE I—*A Street in Seville. Day is Breaking*

The Count, accompanied by his servant *Fiorello* and several musicians, enters to serenade the beautiful *Rosina*. Accompanied by the mandolins, he sings his serenade, *Ecco ridente*, considered one of the most beautiful numbers in the opera.

## Ecco ridente (Dawn, With Her Rosy Mantle)

**By Fernando de Lucia, Tenor** (*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*) **76000 12-inch, $2.00**

COUNT:

Lo! smiling in the Orient sky,
Morn in her beauty breaking,
Canst thou, my love, inactive lie—
My life, art thou not waking?
Arise, my heart's own treasure,
All that my soul holds dear;
Oh! turn my grief to pleasure!
Awake, my love, appear!

But, hush!—methinks I view that face,
And all my doubts are vanished;
Thine eyes diffuse soft pity's grace.
And all my fears are banished.
Oh, rapturous moment of delight!
All other blisses shaming;
My soul's content, so pure and bright,
On earth no equal claiming!

Even such a lovely serenade as this fails to bring a response from the window, but the Count still lingers, concealing himself in the shadow as he sees *Figaro*, the jack-of-all-trades of the village and general factotum in the house of *Bartolo*. *Figaro* unslings his guitar and sings that gayest and most difficult of all airs, the joy or despair of baritones the world over, which has been recorded for the Victor by three famous singers.

## Largo al factotum (Room for the Factotum)

CAMPANARI AS FIGARO

**By Pasquale Amato, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88329 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88181 12-inch, 3.00**
**By Titta Ruffo, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88391 12-inch, 3.00**

*Figaro* is thoroughly satisfied with himself, and gives a long list of his numerous accomplishments, of which the following is a sample:

FIGARO: Room for the city's factotum here,
La, la, la, la, la, la.
I must be off to my shop, for the dawn is near,
La, la, la, la, la, la.
What a merry life, what pleasure gay,
Awaits a barber of quality.
Ah, brave Figaro; bravo, bravissimo, brave.
La, la, la, la, la, la.
Of men, the happiest, sure, art thou, bravo.
La, la, la, la, la, la, etc.

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 37.*

... favor of my guitar by night, endeavor
it in an honest way. Oh, what a life, what a life!"

Three fine records of this great air are given here. Ruffo, in his rendition, proves himself possessed of an admirable sense of humor, and this, with his powerful and flexible voice, enables him to attack this difficult solo in the true opéra-bouffe vein. The result is as fine a performance of the *Largo* as one would wish to hear. The extreme difficulties are made a vehicle for the display of the baritone's ample vocal resources, which sweep everything before them; he is indeed a little free with the text, and sings snatches of the accompaniment out of sheer bravado, while bits of comic characterization peep out at every available opportunity. Amato's rendition is a fine example of how the music of this air should be sung, and is a veritable triumph for the singer.

Signor de Gogorza's version differs from the others in many respects. It is one of the finest records he has made for the Victor, and exhibits his splendid voice and wonderful execution to perfection.

The Count now accosts *Figaro*, asking him to arrange a meeting with *Rosina*, telling him that his rank must not be known and that he has assumed the name of *Lindor*.

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RUFFO AS THE

## My Name?)

de Lucia, Tenor (*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*) 66000 10-inc
o become his ally. *Rosina* and her guardian come to the
g the Count, manages to drop a note, which he secures. *Barto*
that no one be admitted.
hat he is expecting a military friend to arrive in the village, a
himself as this soldier and thus ...

MELBA AS ROSINA

The number is in the form to which most Italian composers of the period adhered—a slow opening section (here accompanied by occasional chords for the orchestra) succeeded by a quicker movement culminating in a coda which presents many opportunities for brilliant vocal display. Musically the aria is full of charm, and is deservedly popular with those singers whose method enables them to deliver it with the requisite lightness and bravura.

ROSINA: A little voice I heard just now:
Oh, it has thrill'd my very heart!
I feel that I am wounded sore;
And Lindor 'twas who hurl'd the dart.
Yes, Lindor, dearest, shall be mine!
I've sworn it, and we'll never part.

My guardian sure will ne'er consent;
But I must sharpen all my wit:
Content at last, he will relent,
And we, oh, joy! be wedded yet.
Yes, Lindor I have sworn to love!
And, loving, we'll our cares forget.

A bewildering array of artists have essayed this charming song, and Victor audiences can choose whether they will have it sung by an Italian, Polish or Spanish prima donna.

*Rosina* runs out as her guardian and *Don Basilio* come in. *Bartolo* is telling *Basilio* that he wishes to marry his ward, either by love or force. *Basilio* promises to help him, and says that the Count is trying to make *Rosina's* acquaintance. They decide to invent some story that will disgrace him. "A calumny!" says *Basilio*. *Bartolo* asks what that is, and *Basilio*, in a celebrated air, gives his famous description, which is a model of its kind.

## La calunnia (Slander's Whisper)

**By Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In Italian*) **74104 12-inch, $1.50**

BASILIO: Oh! calumny is like the sigh
Of gentlest zephyrs breathing by;
How softly sweet along the ground,
Its first still voice is heard around.
So soft, that sighing amid the bowers
It scarcely fans the drooping flowers.
Thus will the voice of calumny,
More subtle than the plaintive sigh,
In many a serpent-wreathing find
Its secret passage to the mind;
The heart's most inmost feelings gain,
Bedim the sense, and fire the brain.
Then passing on from tongue to tongue,
It gains new strength, it sweeps along
In giddier whirl from place to place,
And gains fresh vigor in its race;
Till, like the sounds of tempests deep,
That thro' the woods in murmurs sweep
And howl amid their caverns drear,
It shakes the trembling soul with fear.
Thus calumny, a simple breath,
Engenders ruin, wreck and death;
And sinks the wretched man forlorn,
Beneath the lash of slander torn,
The victim of the public scorn!
(*They go out.*)

*Rosina* and *Figaro* return, and the barber tells her that her guardian is planning to marry her. She laughs at the idea, and then asks *Figaro* who the young man was she observed that morning. *Figaro* tells her his name is *Lindor*, and that he is madly in love with a certain young lady, whose name is *Rosina*.

COPYT DUPORT

SEMBRICH AS ROSINA

## Dunque io son (What! I?)

**By Maria Galvany, Soprano, and Titta Ruffo, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **92501 12-inch, $4.00**

mock me?
ing?
reseeing,
self.)

ady;
sina,
seems,
es thro' all).

my Lindor
speak?

some sign
sent;
ne,
on present.

COPY'T TERKELSON & HENRY

TETRAZZINI AS ROSINA

—may I indite?
quick invite.

*from her bosom,*

Was I to think to be her master!
Much fitter that she me should school:
Her wits, than mine, can flow much faster.
Oh, woman, woman, who can find,
Or fathom, all that's in thy mind?
(*Exit Figaro.*)

*Bartolo* comes in and accuses *Rosina* of dropping a note fro
alcony, and when she denies it he shows her ink marks
nger and calls attention to a cut pen and a missing sheet
. She says she wrapped up some sweetmeats to send to a g
, and cut the pen to design a flower for her embroide
*o* then denounces her in another famous air:

## nca un foglio (Here's a Leaf Missing)

**By Arcangelo Rossi, Bass**

(*In Italian*) ***68144 12-inch, $1.**

ROLO:
a doctor of my rank,
ese excuses, Signorina,
advise another time
at you better should invent.
hy is the paper missing?
at I would wish to know.
eless, ma'am, are all your airs—
still, nor interrupt me so.
nother time, sweet Signorina,
When the doctor quits his hous
He will carefully provide
For the keeping you inside.
And poor innocent Rosina,
Disappointed then may pout:
In her room shall she be lock
Till I choose to let her out.
(*He goes out in a rage, follow by Rosina, who is laughing.*)

A loud knocking is heard at the street door—it is the Cou
s soldier disguise. He pushes his way in, and insists that t
andant has ordered him to put up in *Bartolo's* house. A lo
follows, full of comedy, finally ending in the arrest of t
, who, however, privately informs the officer who he is; a
stonished official salutes respectfully and takes his soldi
*Bartolo* is in such a rage that he can hardly speak, and t
nds with the famous quartet:

*37.*

THE COUNT GIVES ROSINA A MUSIC LESSON

## Guarda Don Bartolo (Look at Don Bartolo)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone; Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor; Ernesto Badini, Baritone**

***63171 10-inch, $0.75**

### ACT II

SCENE—*A Room in Bartolo's House*

*Bartolo* is discovered musing on the affair of the soldier, and as he has learned that no one in the regiment knows the man, he suspects that he was sent by the Count.

A knocking is heard and the Count is ushered in, dressed as a music master. He greets *Bartolo*, beginning the duet, *Pace e gioia*.

## Pace e gioia (Heaven Send You Peace and Joy)

**By Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone, and Emilio Perea, Tenor** *(In Italian)*

***62105 10-inch, $0.75**

COUNT:
Peace and happiness be with you!
BARTOLO:
A thousand thanks; don't trouble yourself.
COUNT:
Peace and happiness for thousands of years.
BARTOLO:
Upon my word, I am obliged to you.
COUNT:
Peace and happiness, happiness and peace!
BARTOLO:
Enough—heavens! what an annoyance!
COUNT (*aside*):
The old fellow knows me not. How fortunate for me! Within a few moments I shall freely converse with my beloved.

*Bartolo* says he is much obliged for these kind wishes and wonders who this can be. The Count explains that *Don Basilio* is ill and he has come in the music master's place to give *Rosina* a lesson. He shows *Bartolo* the note *Rosina* had written, saying he found it at the inn, and offers to make *Rosina* believe the Count has shown her note to another lady. *Bartolo* is pleased with the idea and calls *Rosina*. Then occurs the celebrated "Lesson Scene" in which *Rosina* usually interpolates an air. Rossini wrote a trio for this scene, but in some manner it was lost.

*Figaro* now comes in to shave *Bartolo*, and in the course of the scene contrives to secure the key to the balcony. At this moment all are petrified at the entrance of *Don Basilio*, who is supposed to be confined to his bed. *Figaro* sees that quick action is necessary and asks him what he means by coming out with such a fever. "Fever?" says the astonished music master. "A raging fever," exclaims *Figaro*, feeling his pulse. "You need medicine," says the Count, meaningly, and slips a fat purse in his hand. *Don Basilio* partially comprehends the situation, looks at the purse and departs.

The shaving is renewed, and *Rosina* and the Count pretend to continue the lesson, but are really planning the elopement. *Bartolo* tries to watch them, but *Figaro* manages to get soap in the Doctor's eye at each of his efforts to rise. He finally jumps up and denounces the Count as an impostor. The three conspirators laugh at him, and go out, followed by *Bartolo*, who is purple with rage.

*Bertha*, the housekeeper, enters, and in her air, *Il vecchietto*, complains that she can no longer stand the turmoil, quarreling and scolding in this house.

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 37.*

THE SHAVING SCENE

## cerca moglie (The Old Fool Seeks a Wife)

**Zaccaria** (*In Italian*) ***62105 10-**

**"What kind of thing is this love which drives everyb she asks. This air used to be called in Rome *Aria di s* bet), because the audience used to eat ices while it was**

BERTHA: There is always noise and clamor in this hous nothing but disputing, weeping and threatening. There is not of peace with this old, avaricious wrangler! Oh! what a h fusion! The little old man seeks a wife; the girl sighs for a one is all eagerness, the other a dotard. Neither of them sl fered to go loose; but what can this love be that makes every It is a universal evil, a fury, a thing that tickles, that pest ments! Unhappy that I am, I also feel it, and know not wh seek. Ah, cursed old age! I am despised by all; and furious a I feel ready to die with chagrin.

***Don Bartolo* now desperately plays his last card, and s the note, saying that her lover is conspiring to give her *Count Almaviva*. *Rosina* is furious and offers to marry *Bar***

BARTOLO ARRIVES WITH THE SOLDIERS—FINALE, ACT II

**This scene is rudely interrupted by the arrival of *Bartolo* and the soldiers. The officer in charge demands the name of the Count, who now introduces *Signor and Signora Almaviva* to the company. *Bartolo* philosophically decides to make the best of the matter. However, he inquires of *Basilio:***

BARTOLO:
But you, you rascal—
Even you to betray me!

BASILIO:
Ah! Doctor,
The Count has certain persuasives
And certain arguments in his pocket,
Which there is no withstanding!

BARTOLO:
Ay, ay! I understand you.
Well, well, what matters it?
Go; and may Heaven bless you!

FIGARO:
Bravo, bravo, Doctor!
Let me embrace you!

ROSINA:
Oh, how happy we are!

COUNT:
Oh, propitious love!

FIGARO:
Young love, triumphant smiling,
All harsher thoughts exiling,
All quarrels reconciling,
Now waves his torch on high!

(*Curtain*)

## DOUBLE-FACED BARBER OF SEVILLE RECORDS

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| **Barber of Seville Selection** — By Pryor's Band<br>*Prophete Fantasie* — *By Pryor's Band* | 35125 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Overture** — By La Scala Orchestra<br>*Don Pasquale—Sinfonia (Donizetti)* — *By La Scala Orchestra* | 68010 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Manca un foglio (Here's a Leaf Out)** — By A. Rossi, Bass<br>**Una voce poco fa** — By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano | 68144 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Guarda Don Bartolo (Look at Bartolo)** — By Huguet, (*In Italian*)<br>**A. and G. Pini-Corsi, and Badini**<br>*Fra Diavolo—Agnese la Zietella* — *By Pietro Lara* (*In Italian*) | 63171 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Il vecchietto cerca moglie** — By Emma Zaccaria (*In Italian*)<br>**Pace e gioia** — By A. Pini-Corsi and Perea (*In Italian*) | 62105 | 10-inch, | .75 |

-AIR PERFORMANCE OF BARTERED BRIDE AT ZOPPSOT, NEAR DANZIG

h) (Bohemian)

# D BRIDE PRODANA NEVESTA

(German)

# IE VERKAUFTE BRAUT

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Music by Friedrich Smetana. First per

DESTINN AS MARIE

village life, and is based on a simple story full of mirth and sometimes almost farcical.

*Marie*, daughter of *Kruschina*, a rich peasant, is betrothed to *Hans*, her father's servant. *Hans* and *Marie*, however, are threatened with separation because the maiden's father has determined she shall marry *Wenzel*, a half-witted, stuttering lad, who is the son of *Kruschina's* old friend, *Micha*. *Kruschina* and *Kezal* endeavor to arrange this marriage, but the girl flatly refuses to give up her old lover. *Kezal* finally offers *Hans* three hundred crowns if he will renounce *Marie*. At first the offer is indignantly rejected, but later *Hans* consents, insisting on a rather strange condition—that these words be inserted in the agreement, "that *Marie* shall only be married to a son of *Micha*." *Kezal*, although he does not understand the reason for this, gladly agrees, and shortly afterward the paper is signed, the entire village being called in to witness the signature.

GORITZ AS KEZAL

*Marie* refuses to believe that her lover has sold her for three hundred crowns, but is compelled to realize the truth when the marriage broker produces *Hans'* receipt for the money. The young girl meets her ruthless lover, who seems remarkably joyous over the affair, and still declares his love for her. The mystery is not explained until *Micha* and his wife arrive and recognize *Hans* to be their long-lost eldest son. So *Hans* not only wins his bride, but gains 300 crowns, for *Kezal* has agreed that *Marie* "shall marry only a son of *Micha*." As the money remains in the family no one objects save *Kezal*, who departs in wrath.

SCENE IN THE ZOPPOTER WALDTHEATER PRODUCTION

The famous *Overture* to *Bartered Bride* is a work of delightful melody, and has had numberless performances as a concert number. It is delightfully spontaneous and highly interesting, containing parts of the national airs of Bohemia.

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| Overture | By Arthur Pryor's Band | 35148 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| *Madam Butterfly Selection* (*Puccini*) | *By Pryor's Band* | | |

TAN OPERA HOUSE, NEW YORK

A BERLIN PRODUCTION OF BOHÊME—ACT II

(French)
# LA BOHÊME
*(Lah Boh-ehm')*

(English)
# THE BOHEMIANS

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text by Giacosa and Illica; music by Puccini; being an adaptation of part of Mürger's *La Vie Bohême*, which depicts life in the *Quartier Latin*, or the Students' Quarter, in 1830. First produced at the Teatro Reggio, Turin, February 1, 1896, under the direction of Toscanini. In English, as "The Bohemians," at Manchester (Carl Rosa Company), April 22, 1897, and at Covent Garden with the same company, October 2d of the same year. At the *Opéra Comique*, Paris, June, 1898. In Italian at Covent Garden, July 1, 1899. First production in the Americas at Buenos Ayres in 1896. First U. S. production at San Francisco, March, 1898, by the Royal Italian Opera Company, following their tour of Mexico. The company later sang the opera in New York, Wallack's Theatre, May 16, 1898. Given in English by the Castle Square Opera Company at the American Theatre, New York, November 20, 1898. The first important production in Italian was that given by Melba's Company in Philadelphia, December 29, 1898. Produced in 1907 at the Metropolitan, with Caruso, Sembrich and Scotti.

### Characters

RUDOLPH, a poet ..... Tenor
MARCEL, a painter ..... Baritone
COLLINE, a philosopher ..... Bass
SCHAUNARD, a musician ..... Baritone
BENOIT, an importunate landlord ..... Bass
ALCINDORO, a state councilor and follower of Musetta ..... Bass
MUSETTA, a grisette ..... Soprano
MIMI, a maker of embroidery ..... Soprano

Students, work-girls, citizens, shopkeepers, venders, soldiers, waiters, etc.

*Scene and Period: Paris, about 1830.*

RCEL

## THE STORY

The principal characters in Puccini's delightful opera are the inseparable quartet described by Mürger, who with equal cheerfulness defy the pangs of hunger and the landlord of their little garret. In the scenes of careless gaiety is interwoven a touch of pathos; and the music is in turn lively and tender, with a haunting sweetness that is most fascinating.

*Rudolph*, a poet; *Marcel*, a painter; *Colline*, a philosopher; and *Schaunard*, a musician, are four friends who occupy an attic in the *Quartier Latin*, where they live and work together. Improvident, reckless and careless, these happy-go-lucky Bohemians find a joy in merely living, being full of faith in themselves.

## ACT I

SCENE—*A Garret in the Quartier Latin*

The opening scene shows the four friends without money or provisions, yet happy. *Marcel* is at work on a painting, "Passage of the Red Sea," and remarks, beginning a duet with *Rudolph*, that the passage of this supposedly torrid sea seems, owing to the lack of fuel in the studio, to be a very cold affair!

### (This Red Sea)

ura and E. Badini (*In Italian*) 88233 12-inch, $3.00

n order to keep them from freezing he will sacrifice the bulky

COPY'T HISHEIS CARUSO AS RUDOLPH

## Mi chiamano Mimi (My Name is Mimi)

By Nellie Melba, Soprano
(*In Italian*) 88074 12-in., $3.00

By Lucrezia Bori, Soprano
(*In Italian*) 88475 12-in., 3.00

By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano
(*In Italian*) 88413 12-in., 3.00

By Alice Nielsen, Soprano
(*In Italian*) 74062 12-in., 1.50

Then follows the charming *Mi chiamano Mimi*, in which the young girl tells *Rudolph* of her pitifully simple life; of how she works all day making artificial flowers, which remind her of the blossoms and green meadows of the country; of the lonely existence she leads in her chamber up among the housetops.

## O soave fanciulla—Duo and Finale, Act I (Thou Sweetest Maiden)

By Nellie Melba, Soprano, and Enrico Caruso, Tenor 95200 12-inch, $5.00

By Lucrezia Bori and John McCormack
(*In Italian*) 87512 10-inch, 2.00

*"Mimi's delicate perfection enchanted the young poet—especially her little hands, which in spite of her menial work, she managed to keep as white as snow."*—Mürger's La Vie de la Bohême.

This lovely duet occurs just after the *Mi chiamano Mimi*. The young girl having finished her story, *Rudolph* hears the shouts of his friends in the courtyard below. He opens the window to speak to them, letting in a flood of moonlight which brightens the room. The Bohemians go off singing. As *Rudolph* turns to *Mimi* and sees her in the moonlight, he is struck with her beauty, and tells her how entrancing she appears to him.

Love awakens in the heart of the lonely girl, and in this beautiful duet she pledges her faith to the handsome stranger who has come into her life. The lovely motive with which the duet begins is associated throughout the opera with the presence of *Mimi*, and is employed with touching effect in the death scene in Act III.

*Mimi* consents to go to the *Café Momus*, where his friends are to dine, and after a tender scene at the door they go out, and the curtain slowly falls.

COPY'T HISHEIS GILLY AS MARCEL

COPY'T DUPONT SEMBRICH AS MIMI

## ACT II

SCENE—*A Students' Café in Paris*

This act represents the terraces of the *Café Momus*, where the artists are holding a carnival. Puccini has pictured with masterly skill the noisy, bustling activity of this scene, and the boisterous merriment of the gay revelers. The Bohemians of Act I are seated at a table with *Mimi*, when *Musetta*, an old flame of *Marcel's*, appears

IMI

The fun now becomes fast and furious, and *Musetta* is finally carried off on the shoulders of her friends, while the foolish old banker, *Alcindoro,* is left to pay the bills of the entire party.

## ACT III

### SCENE—*A City Gate of Paris*

This act begins in the cheerless dawn of a cold morning at the city gates, the bleakness of the scene being well expressed in Puccini's music. The snow falls, workmen come and go, shivering and blowing on their cold fingers. *Mimi* appears, and asks the if he will find *Marcel*—that good and kind-hearted being now located at the inn on the Orleans Road and lscapes, but tavern signs, in order to keep body and soul is surprised to see *Mimi,* whom he supposes to be in Paris. ıcholy and apparently ill, he r and learns her sad story.

COPY'T NISH

GLUCK

! (Mimi, Thou Here!)

Farrar, Soprano, and
ɔtti, Baritone
*an*) 89016 12-inch, $4.00

ar, Soprano, and Ernesto
one 88228 12-inch, 3.00

riend that she can no longer
arrels with *Rudolph,* and that
*Marcel,* much troubled, goes
mon *Rudolph,* but before the
ecretes herself, and when he
ı again accuse her of fickle-

BUYER, PARIS THE SCENE OF THE BARRIER—ACT III

## Addio (Farewell)

By Nellie Melba,
Soprano (*Italian*)
88072 12-in., $3.00
By Geraldine Farrar,
Soprano (*Italian*)
88406 12-in., 3.00
By Alma Gluck,
Soprano (*Italian*)
64225 10-in., 1.00

Most pathetically does the poor girl's "Farewell, may you be happy" come from her simple heart, and she turns to go. *Rudolph* protests, something of his old affection having returned at the sight of her pale cheeks.

*Musetta* now enters and is accused by *Marcel* of flirting. A furious quarrel follows, which contrasts strongly with the tender passages between *Mimi* and *Rudolph* as the lovers are partially reconciled.

## Quartet, "Addio, dolce svegliare" (Farewell, Sweet Love)

By Geraldine Farrar, Gina C. Viafora, Enrico Caruso and Antonio Scotti (*In Italian*) 96002 12-inch, $6.00
By Dora Domar, Annita Santoro, Gino Giovannelli and Ernesto Badini (*In Italian*) 89048 12-inch, 4.00

THE QUARTET—ACT II

e Rigoletto Quartet, this number is used by the composer
ny different emotions: The sadness of *Mimi's* farewell
is tender efforts to induce her to remain; the fond recoll
bright days of their first meeting—and contrasted to the
is the quarreling of *Musetta* and *Marcel*, which Puccini h
erwoven with the pathetic passages sung by the lovers.
rilliantly sung and perfectly balanced renditions of this gr
umber are offered to music lovers by the Victor.

## ACT IV

SCENE—*Same as Act I*

*is time, the friends for many weeks had lived a lonely and mel*
*ce. Musetta had made no sign, and Marcel had never met h*
*rd of Mimi came to Rudolph, though he often*
*name to himself. Marcel treasured a little*
*bons which had been left behind by Musetta,*
*ne day he detected Rudolph gazing fondly at*
*et Mimi had forgotten, he muttered: 'It seems*
*only one!'''*—Mürger.

COPY'T MISHKIN

CONSTANTINO AS RUDOLPH

shows the same garret in which the events
ok place. Bereft of their sweethearts, the
are living sad and lonely lives, each trying
rom the other that he is secretly pining for
one.

opening scene, *Marcel* stands in front of his
nding to paint, while *Rudolph*, apparently
really furtively gazing at *Mimi's* little pink

### h, Mimi, False One!)

or, and Antonio Scotti, Baritone

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| (*In Italian*) | 89006 | 12-inch, | $4.00 |
| nmarco (*Italian*) | 89044 | 12-inch, | 4.00 |
| i (*In Italian*) | *45013 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| nrath (*In Italian*) | 60108 | 10-inch, | .75 |

tend to brighten up when *Schaunard* and
r supper, and the four Bohemians make merry over their frugal fa
This scene of jollity is inte
rupted by the unexpect
entrance of *Musetta*, who te
the friends that *Mimi*, aba
doned by her viscount, h
come back to die.

*H OF MIMI*

The poor girl is broug
in and laid on *Rudolph's* be
while he is distracted wi
grief. The friends hasten
aid her, *Marcel* going for
doctor, while *Colline*, in ord
to get money to buy delicaci
for the sick girl, decides
pawn his only good garme
an overcoat. He bids far
well to the coat in a pathet
song, which Journet delive
here with much feeling.

## Vecchia zimarra (Coat Song)

By Marcel Journet (*In Italian*) 64035 10-inch, $1.00

*Colline* goes softly out, leaving *Mimi* and *Rudolph* alone, and they sing a beautiful duet.

## Sono andati? (Are We Alone?)

By Maria Bronzoni, Soprano, and Franco de Gregorio, Tenor (*In Italian*) *45013 10-inch, $1.00

The past is all forgotten and the reunited lovers plan for a future which shall be free from jealousies and quarrels. Just as *Mimi*, in dreamy tones, recalls their first meeting in the garret, she is seized with a sudden faintness which alarms *Rudolph*, and he summons his friends, who are returning with delicacies for *Mimi*. But the young girl, weakened by disease and privations, passes away in the midst of her weeping friends, and the curtain falls to *Rudolph's* despairing cry of "Mimi! Mimi!"

COPY'T MISHKIN

DE SEGUROLA AS MARCEL

### DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS BOHÊME RECORDS

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| **Bohême Fantasie** *'Cello* By Victor Sorlin<br>*Calm Sea and Happy Voyage—Overture* *By Pryor's Band* | 35132 | 12-in., $1.25 |
| **Bohême Selection** By Pryor's Band<br>*Jolly Robbers Overture* (*Suppé*) *By Pryor's Band* | 35077 | 12-in., 1.25 |
| **Bohême Selection** By Pryor's Band<br>Mimi's Aria, "My Name is Mimi," Act I—Duet, "Thou Sweetest Maiden," Act I<br>*Madame Butterfly Fantasia* *'Cello* *By Rosario Bourdon* | 35353 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| **Ah, Mimi, tu piu** By Da Gradi and Badini (*In Italian*)<br>**Sono andati?** By Bronzoni and de Gregorio (*In Italian*) | 45013 | 10-inch, 1.00 |
| **Musetta Waltz** (*Whistling Solo*) Guido Gialdini<br>*Carmen Selection* *Xylophone* *Wm. H. Reitz* | 16892 | 10-inch, .75 |

CIPOLLA'S PAINTING OF THE DEATH SCENE

* *Double-Faced Record—See above list.*

THE ABDUCTION OF ARLINE—ACT I

# BOHEMIAN GIRL

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

his plot from a ballet written for Ellsler, the dancer, by Sa
cene from Scotland to Hungary. Music by Balfe. First p
e, London, November 27, 1843, the cast including Harri
Borrani, and the opera had an unprecedented run of
ances. An Italian version was brought out at Drury La
erican production November 25, 1844, with Frazer, Seg
work, after its English success, was eventually translated i
rope, and during the next twenty years was produced in I
ruary 12, 1854); in Hamburg as *La Gitana;* in Vienna as
e time played at three houses simultaneously; and in Pari
version, for which Balfe added several numbers, besides enla
by Saint-Georges, and produced at the Théâtre Lyrique, Pa
the composer the Legion of Honor decoration.

### Characters

ount Arnheim ..... Soprano
ile ..... Tenor
..... Contralto
ader ..... Bass
ernor of Presburg ..... Baritone
f the Count ..... Tenor
iners, Hunters, Soldiers, Gypsies, etc.

*Place: Presburg, Hungary;* nineteenth century.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Country Estate of Count Arnheim, near Presburg*

The story of this opera is quite familiar, and can be dismissed with a brief mention. *Thaddeus*, an exile from Poland, is fleeing from Austrian troops, and to facilitate his escape he casts his lot with a band of gypsies, headed by *Devilshoof*. As the tribe is crossing the estate of the Governor of Presburg, *Count Arnheim*, *Thaddeus* is enabled to rescue the little daughter of the Count from a wild stag, and in his gratitude the Count invites the gypsies to the hunting dinner. In the course of the festivities *Thaddeus* refuses to drink the health of the Emperor, and is about to be arrested when *Devilshoof* interferes and is himself confined in the Castle, while *Thaddeus* is permitted to go. *Devilshoof* climbs from a window and steals the little *Arline*, making his escape good by chopping down the bridge across the ravine as the soldiers pursue him.

## ACT II

SCENE—*The Gypsy Camp in the Outskirts of Presburg*

Twelve years elapse and we see the camp of the gypsies, among whom *Arline* has grown to be a beautiful maiden of seventeen. *Thaddeus*, who has fallen in love with the young girl, now tells her of his affection, and in a melodious duet the lovers plight their troth. The *Gypsy Queen*, herself enamored of *Thaddeus*, is forced to unite him to *Arline*, but secretly plans vengeance. Her opportunity soon comes, as she contrives to have *Arline* accused of stealing a medallion from the young nephew of *Count Arnheim*, who has come to the fair at Presburg, near where the gypsies are camped. *Arline* is arrested and taken before the *Count*, who in the course of the examination recognizes her as his daughter, from the scar made in her childhood by the wild stag.

## ACT III

SCENE—*Castle of Count Arnheim*

The third act shows *Arline* restored to her position, but still secretly pining for her gypsy lover. *Devilshoof* contrives to get *Thaddeus* into the castle and he secures an interview with *Arline*. They are interrupted, however, by the *Count's* approach, and *Thaddeus* hides in a closet as the guests arrive for a reception in honor of the newly-found heiress.

The *Queen*, still bent on revenge, now enters, and in a dramatic denunciation reveals the hiding place of *Thaddeus*. The *Count* asks for an explanation, and *Arline* declares she loves *Thaddeus* even more than her father. The *Count*, enraged, is about to attack *Thaddeus*, when the young man reveals his history and proves himself to be of noble blood. The *Count* then gives his consent and all ends happily.

Many of the most effective numbers from this pretty opera have been recorded by the Victor, besides the brilliant potpourri made by the Opera Company, which includes no less than seven of the most tuneful bits.

THE VENGEANCE OF THE QUEEN—ACT III

## OHEMIAN GIRL RECORDS

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| | Herbert Goddard (*Piano acc.*)<br>*Herbert Goddard* | 16064 | 10-inch, |
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### Girl

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ntr'act Waltz—Chorus, "Happy and Light"—"Then
—Finale, "Oh, What Full Delight"

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THE CARNIVAL AT PRESBURG—ACT II

# BORIS GODOUNOW

*(Boh'-rees Goo'-doo-noh)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text arranged by Moussorgsky, based on a historical drama by the famous Russian poet, Poushkin. Music by Modeste Moussorgsky. Portions of the opera were given at St. Petersburg in February, 1873, but the production of the work in its entirety was delayed until January 24, 1874. Produced at Moscow in 1889. In 1896 the orchestration was somewhat revised by the composer's friend, Rimsky-Korsakoff. Given at Paris in 1908 by a Russian opera company, with Chaliapine in the title rôle. First American production at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, November 19, 1913, with the original costumes and scenery painted for the Paris production. First Philadelphia production, March 10, 1914, when Mme. Ober appeared for the first time in the rôle of *Marina*.

© MISHKIN HOMER AS MARINA

### Characters

(With the Cast of the First American Production)

BORIS GODOUNOW, Regent of Russia ..... Adamo Didur
XENIA, his daughter ..... Leonora Sparkes
THEODORE, his son ..... Anna Case
THE NURSE ..... Maria Duchene
MARINA ..... Louise Homer
CHOUISKY ..... Angelo Bada
DIMITRI ..... Paul Althouse
VARLAAM ..... Andrea de Segurola
MISSAIL ..... Pietro Audisio
TCHELKALOFF ..... Vincenzo Reschiglian
PIMENN ..... Leon Rothier
A SIMPLETON ..... Albert Reiss
A POLICE OFFICER ..... Giulio Rossi
TWO JESUITS ..... Louis Kreidler / Vincenzo Reschiglian

*Time and Place: About 1600; on the border of Poland.*

Moussorgsky's masterly opera is intensely Russian in character, and relates actual events in the history of Russia during the reign of the Czar Féodor, son of Ivan the Terrible, while Boris Godounow was acting regent. Moussorgsky has simplified Poushkin's text somewhat, and has written a prologue to precede the drama, which has scarcely anything in common with Poushkin's book.

*Boris*, the acting regent, has caused the murder of *Dimitri*, the younger brother of *Ivan the Terrible*, to whom the throne would have passed on *Ivan's* death, but he is remorseful for his act and has entered a monastery on the outskirts of Moscow. At the opening of the opera the people are urging him to declare himself *Czar*. In the second scene the guilty ruler overhears *Pimenn*, an old monk, relating to a young novice, *Gregory*, the story of the murder, which fires *Gregory's* imagination so that he escapes from the cell, flees to the Lithuanian border and declares himself to be *Dimitri*, whom he insists was never slain.

In the next scene *Boris* is in the Czar's private apartments in the royal palace, having yielded to the demands of the people and declared himself ruler. His daughter, *Xenia*, and

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CHALIAPINE AS BORIS

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her young brother are with him,
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arrives, he sends the children a
*Chouisky* has brought alarming ne
the people are revolting and an impo
calling himself *Dimitri*, has appea
*Boris*, overcome, is once more a pre
remorse.

In the next scene *Marina*, betro
to the imposter *Dimitri* (*Gregory*), is u
by *Rangoni* to try to influence the yo
usurper to convert the heretics of M
cow. Failing to move the girl, he
peals to the pretended *Dimitri*, wh
waiting in the garden for *Marina*.
young girl appears, and the scene cl
with a love duet.

The scene now changes to
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Cries of "Death to *Boris*" can be he
and the usurper passes through
forest, drawing the crowd with
As the stage is emptied, the village i
is left sitting alone in the falling sn
singing a heart-rending ditty on
hopeless condition of Russia.

imperial palace. *Chouisky* arrives and later *Boris*, hagg
e haunting him. *Pimenn* enters and relates a miracle wh
*imitri*. He tells how a blind man, commanded in a drear
his vision restored when he kneels at the grave. A cr
It is *Boris*, who, feeling himself dying, asks for his son,
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CARMEN'S DEFIANCE—ACT IV

# CARMEN

(*Kar'-men*)

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

**Text by Meilhac and Halévy, founded on the novel of Prosper Mérimée. Music by Bizet. First production at the Opéra Comique, Paris, March 3, 1875. First London production June 22, 1878. First American production October 23, 1879, with Minnie Hauk. First New Orleans production, January 14, 1881, with Mmes. Ambre and Tournie. Some notable revivals in New York were in 1893, being Calvé's first appearance; in 1905 with Caruso; and the Hammerstein revivals of 1906, with Bressler-Gianoli, Dalmores, Gilibert, Trentini and Ancona, and in 1908 with Calvé. The supreme event of the recent brilliant Metropolitan season was the sumptuous revival with an "all-star" cast, including Farrar, Caruso, Alda and Amato.**

### Characters

DON JOSE, (*Don Ho-zay'*) a Brigadier . . . . . Tenor
ESCAMILLO, (*Es-ca-meel'-yoh*) a Toreador . . . . . Bass
DANCAIRO, (*Dan-ky'-roh*) } Smugglers { . . . . . Baritone
REMENDADO, (*Rem-en-dah'-doh*) } Smugglers { . . . . . Tenor
ZUNIGA, (*Tsoo-nee'-gah*) a Captain . . . . . Bass
MORALES, (*Moh-rah'-lez*) a Brigadier . . . . . Bass
MICAELA, (*Mih-kah-ay'-lah*) a Peasant Girl . . . . . Soprano
FRASQUITA, (*Frass-kee'-tah*) } Gypsies, friends of Carmen { . . . . Mezzo-Soprano
MERCEDES, (*Mer-chay'-deez*) } Gypsies, friends of Carmen { . . . . Mezzo-Soprano
CARMEN, a Cigarette Girl, afterwards a Gypsy . . . . . Soprano
An Innkeeper, Guide, Officers, Dragoons, Lads, Cigar Girls, Gypsies, Smugglers.

*Scene and Period: Seville, Spain; about 1820.*

## BIZET

Georges Bizet was a native of Paris, where he was born on October 25, 1838. Like Gounod and Berlioz, he won the *Prix de Rome* (*Pree d' Roam'*); in this case in 1857, the year that his first opera, *Docteur Miracle*, was produced. Among other productions came *Les Pecheurs de Perles*, in 1863, an opera recently revived at Covent Garden with Mme. Tetrazzini as *Leila*. Carmen was produced in 1875, and this most Parisian of all operatic works was received at its production with a storm of abuse. It was immoral, it was Wagnerian—the latter at that time being a deadly sin in France! Nevertheless, the supreme merits of Carmen have won it a place among the two or three most popular operas in the modern repertory.

The talents of Bizet are shown by his remarkable lyric gifts; the power of writing short, compact and finished numbers, full of exquisite beauty and convincing style, at the same time handling dramatic scenes with the freedom demanded by modern opera. His music is more virile, concentrated and stimulating than perhaps any other French composer.

It was probably not a little owing to the hostile reception of this, his finest work, that its composer died three months later. The music Bizet has written, however, is likely long to survive him, and chief among the works into which he ungrudgingly poured his life's energy was Carmen.

## THE PLOT

### I

Carmen has its opening scene in a public square in Seville, showing at one side a guard-house, where *Jose*, a young brigadier, keeps guard. *Micaela*, a peasant girl whom he loved in his village home, comes hither to seek him with a message from his mother. As *Jose* appears, the girls stream out from the cigarette factory hard by, and with them their leading spirit in love and adventure, *Carmen*, the gypsy, reckless and bewitching. Heedless of the pressing throng of suitors, and attracted by the handsome young soldier, *Carmen* throws him a flower, leaving him dazed and bewildered at her beauty and the fascinating flash of her dark eyes. A moment later a stabbing affray with a rival factory girl leads to the gypsy's arrest, and she is placed in the care of *Jose* himself. A few more smiles and softly-spoken words from the fascinating *Carmen*, and he is persuaded to allow her to escape. There is a sudden struggle and confusion—the soldier lets go his hold—and the bird has flown!

### II

Act II takes place in the tavern of *Lillas Pastia*, a resort of smugglers, gypsies and questionable characters generally. Here arrives *Escamillo*, the toreador, amid the acclamations of the crowd, and he, like the rest, offers his homage to *Carmen*. Meanwhile, the two smugglers, *Dancairo* and *Remendado*, have an expedition afoot and need *Carmen* to accompany them. But she is awaiting the return of the young soldier, who, as a punishment for allowing her to escape, had gone to prison, and she will not depart until she has seen him. The arrival of *Jose* leads to an ardent love scene between the two. *Carmen* dances her wild gypsy measures before him; yet, in the midst of all, he hears the regimental trumpets sounding the retreat. While *Carmen* bids him remain and join her, the honor of a soldier urges him to return. The arrival of his captain, who orders him back, decides *Jose*. He defies his officer, who is bound by the smugglers, and deserts his regiment for *Carmen*.

### III

The next scene finds *Jose* with the smugglers in a rocky camp in the mountains. The career of a bandit, however, is one to which a soldier does not easily succumb. His distaste offends *Carmen*, who scornfully bids him return home, she also foreseeing, in gypsy fashion, with the cards, that they will end their careers tragically together. In the midst of this strained situation two visitors arrive: *Escamillo*, the toreador, who has also followed *Carmen*; and *Micaela*, with a message from *Jose's* dying mother. The soldier, frustrated in his attempt to kill *Escamillo*, cannot resist the girl's appeal and departs, promising to return later for his revenge.

### IV

The final act takes place outside the *Plaza de Toros*, at Seville, the scene of *Escamillo's* triumphs in the ring. *Carmen* has returned here to witness the prowess of her new lover, and is informed by her friends that *Jose*, half crazed with jealousy, is watching, capable of desperate deeds. They soon meet, and the scene between the maddened soldier and the gypsy is a short one. The jealous *Jose* appeals to her to return to him, but she refuses with scorn, although she knows it means death. In a rage *Jose* stabs her, and thus the end comes swiftly, while within the arena the crowd is heard acclaiming the triumph of *Escamillo*.

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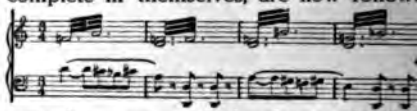

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## ACT I

CENE—*A Public Square in Seville*

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lies to the right, and a brid
across the river is seen in t
background.

NG OF ACT I

Among the crowd whi
throngs the stage a young g
may be seen searching for
familiar face. It is *Micael*
the maiden whom *Jose* has l
behind in his native villag
The soldiers accost her, a
from them she learns of h
lover's absence. She declin
the invitation to remain, a
departs hastily.

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emerge from the factory, fi
ing the air with the smoke
their cigarettes, and with the
*Carmen,* who answers t
salutations of her admire
among the men by singing t
gay *Habanera.*

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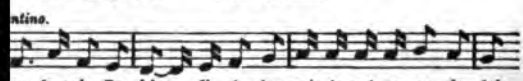

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CARMEN SINGING "HABANERA"—ACT I

**HABANERA.—"Love is Like a Wood-Bird Wild."**

CARMEN:

Ah! love, thou art a wilful wild bird,
And none may hope thy wings to tame,
If it please thee to be a rebel,
Say, who can try and thee reclaim?
Threats and prayers alike unheeding;
Oft ardent homage thou'lt refuse,
Whilst he who doth coldly slight thee,
Thou for thy master oft thou'lt choose.

Ah, love!
For love he is the lord of all.
And ne'er law's icy fetters will he wear,
If thou me lovest not, I love thee,
And if I love thee, now beware!
If thou me lovest not, beware!
But if I love you, if I love you, beware! beware!

Several records of this charming air are offered—by Calvé, whose *Carmen* is universally accepted as one of the greatest of all impersonations of the rôle; by Gerville-Réache, whose *Carmen* is a fine character study on quite original lines; by Miss Farrar, the latest of famous *Carmens*, who has made one of the greatest successes of her career in the recent revival; and by Miss Braslau, the youngest of the Metropolitan contraltos.

The men invite *Carmen* to choose a new lover, and in reply she flings a flower in the face of the surprised *Jose* and laughingly departs.

## Mia madre vedo ancor (My Mother)

**By Fernando de Lucia, Tenor, and Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **92052 12-inch, $3.00**

## Parle-moi de ma mere (Tell Me of My Mother) (*Same as above*)

**By Lucy Marsh, Soprano, and John McCormack, Tenor** (*In French*) **74345 12-inch, $1.50**

Now *Micaela* returns, and finds the soldier she seeks. Her song tells of the message of greeting she brings *Jose* from his mother, and with it a kiss. The innocence of *Micaela* is here a foil to the riper attractions of the gypsy, and the music allotted to the maiden possesses the same simple charm; the conclusion of *Micaela's* air being a broad sustained melody of much beauty. *Jose* takes up the strain, as the memories of his old home crowd upon him, and the beautiful duet follows.

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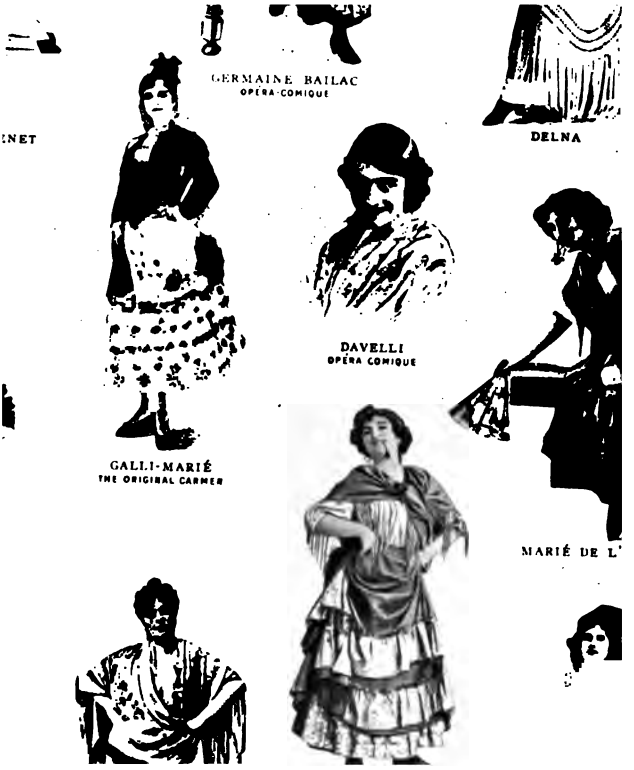
GAY AS CARMEN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CALVÉ AS CARMEN

***Micaela*** **leaves him after a tender farewell, and** ***Jose*** **begins to read his mother's letter, but is interrupted by a commotion within the factory.** ***Carmen*** **has stabbed one of her companions, and is arrested and placed under the guard of** ***Don Jose.*** **The soldiers drive away the crowd, and** ***Carmen,*** **left alone with** ***Jose,*** **brings her powers of fascination to bear on the young soldier, partly to facilitate her escape, and partly because he has attracted her attention. Here she sings the** ***Seguidilla,*** **a form of Spanish country dance.**

## Seguidilla (Near the Walls of Seville)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano** (*In French*)
**88511 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Maria Gay, Contralto** (*In Italian*)
**91085 10-inch, 2.00**

**By Margarete Matzenauer, Contralto** (*In French*)
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**The** ***Seguidilla*** **is one of Spain's most beloved dances, and its rhythm is most fascinating. Bizet has given us a brilliant example in this dainty number, which he has set to Michael Carre's words.**

CARMEN (*airily*):
Nigh to the walls of Sevilla,
Soon at my friend Lillas Pastia
I'll trip thro' the light Seguidilla,
And I'll quaff Manzanilla,
I'll go seek out my friend Lillas Pastia.

JOSE: Ah! tell me of her—my mother.
MICAELA:
Faithful messenger from her to thee,
I bring a letter,
And some money also;
Because a dragoon has not too much.
And, besides that—
JOSE: Something else?
MICAELA:
Yes, I will tell you.
What she has given, I will to thee render.
Your mother with me from the chapel came,
And then, lovingly, she kissed me.
"My daughter," said she, "to the city go:
When arrived in Seville,
Thou wilt seek out Jose, my beloved son;
Tell him that his mother,
By night, by day, thinks of her Jose:
For him she always prays and hopes,
And pardons him, and loves him ever.
And then this kiss, kind one,
Thou wilt to him give for me."
JOSE: A kiss from my mother?
MICAELA: To her son.
Jose, I give it to thee—as I promised.
(*Micaela stands on tip-toe and kisses Jose—a true mother's kiss.—Jose is moved and regards Micaela tenderly.*)
JOSE:
My home in yonder valley,
My mother lov'd shall I e'er see?
Ah fondly in my heart I cherish
Mem'ries so dear yet to me.
MICAELA:
That one sweet hope,
'Twill strength and courage give thee.
That yet again thou wilt thy home
And thy dear mother once more see.

CARMEN AND ESCAMILLO AT THE INN—ACT II

(*Plaintively, casting glances at Jose*):
Yes, but alone one's joys are few.
Our pleasures double, shared by two!
So just to keep me company,
My beau I'll take along with me!

THE INN OF PASTIA—ACT II

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when the soldiers are conducting her to prison she pushes
she escapes.

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CALVÉ SINGING THE GY
SONG—ACT II

But *Carmen* is thinking of the soldier who went to prison for her sake and who, now at liberty, will shortly be with her. Her musings are interrupted by the arrival of a procession in honor of *Escamillo*, whose appearance is followed by the famous "Toreador Song," the most popular of all Carmen numbers.

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DE LUSSAN AS CARMEN

## Cancion del Toreador (Toreador Song)

By Titta Ruffo, Baritone, and La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*) 92065 12-inch, $3.00
By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone, and New York Opera Chorus (*In French*) 88178 12-inch, 3.00
By Pasquale Amato, Baritone (*In Italian*) 88327 12-inch, 3.00
By Giuseppe Campanari, Baritone (*In Italian*) 85073 12-inch, 3.00
By Alan Turner, Baritone (*In English*) *16521 10-inch, .75
By Francesco Cigada, Giuseppina Huguet, Inez Salvador and La Scala Chorus (*Italian*) *62618 10-inch, .75

Note.—The Toreador Song also occurs in the records of the Prelude —See page 56.

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DALMORES AS DON JOSE

After *Escamillo's* departure, *Carmen's* comrades invite her to depart upon a smuggling expedition, but she refuses to stir until she sees the soldier for whom she is waiting.

*Jose's* voice is now heard in the distance, and *Carmen* and her friends all look through the shutters.

FRASQUITA:
What a handsome dragoon!
MERCEDES:
Indeed a gallant fellow!
DANCAIRO:
Faith, he would make a fine smuggler!
REMENDADO:
Bid him join us.
CARMEN:
No, he will refuse.
DANCAIRO:
Come, you can tempt him.
CARMEN:
Well, go; I will try.

*Carmen* pushes her companions from the room, and greeting *Jose* with joy, questions him about his two months in prison.

EMMY DESTINN AS CARMEN

## Halte là! qui va là? (Halt There!)

By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor (*In French*) 88536 12-inch, $3.00

*Carmen* then tries her fascinations on the stolid soldier to induce him to join the band of smugglers, and dances for him while he watches her with fascinated gaze. However, her efforts are useless, as he is reminded of his duty when he hears the bugle in the distance summoning him to quarters.

* *Double-Faced Records—See page 70.*

## ır l'appel (To Your Quarters?)

'arrar and Giovanni Martinelli (*French*) 88532 12-inch, $3.00

you!" says *Carmen*, and mocks him, singing

Ah, this is too mortifying!
All to please you, sir, I gaily sang and danced.
But now ta ra ta! he hears the trumpet call!
And off he flies, like a guest to a feast!

:hes at him his cap and sabre, and bids him begone.

(Italian) (English)

## -Romanza del fiore—Flower Song

uso, Tenor
ı *French*) 88208 12-inch, $3.00

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n *Italian*) 88209 12-inch, 3.00

lmores, Tenor
ı *French*) 85122 12-inch, 3.00

dlowker, Tenor
ı *French*) 76027 12-inch, 2.00

le Lucia, Tenor
n *Italian*) 76001 12-inch, 2.00

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ı *English*) 74122 12-inch, 1.50

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n *Italian*) 74218 12-inch, 1.50

thought of losing her forever, *Don* ›wers she threw him at their first he had preserved, then sings this

## Las bas dans la montagne (Away to Yonder Mountains)

**By Emma Calvé, Soprano, and Charles Dalmores, Tenor** (*In French*) **89019 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano** (*In French*) **88513 12-inch, 3.00**

The soldier listens with half-willing ears, his voice joining hers at the close, in a lovely duet passage.

CARMEN:
For roof, the sky—a wandering life;
For country, the whole world;
Thy will thy master;
And above all—most prized of all—
Liberty! freedom!
Up yonder, up yonder, if thou lov'st me,
To the mountains, together we'll go.

JOSE:
Carmen!
CARMEN:
Wilt come with me?
Up yonder, up yonder, thus will we go
Away, if thou lov'st me, together!

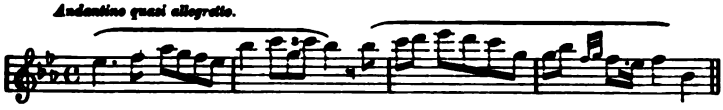
However, in spite of *Carmen's* fascinations, *Jose* is about to return to his duty, when the appearance of his superior officer *Zuniga*, who orders him back, decides the matter. *Don Jose* resents the overbearing tone his captain uses and defies him. *Zuniga* is finally overpowered and bound by the gypsies, and the smugglers all depart on their expedition.

## Second Intermezzo

**By Victor Herbert's Orchestra** **60067 10-inch, $0.75**

**By La Scala Orchestra** (*Double-faced—See page 70*) **62102 10-inch, .75**

The retreat in the mountains is musically described by this pastoral intermezzo. A dreamy melody given to the flute, with a *pizzicato* accompaniment, is taken up by the other instruments in turn, the strings joining in the coda.




This is one of the finest records made by the Herbert Orchestra, who have given an artistic and finished rendering of the interlude.

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MICAELA PLEADS WITH JOSE—ACT III

R IN ACT I

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CARUSO AS DON JOSE

PHOTO WHITE ALDA AS MICAELA

© MISHKIN AMATO AS THE TOREADOR

PHOTO WHITE THE QUINTET—ACT II

**Star" Carmen Revival of 1915**

CARD SCENE—ACT III

## ACT III

SCENE—*A Wild and Rocky Pass in the Mountains*

ies, the smugglers are seen entering their rocky lair. Here occurs the tion of which is given in the "Gems from Carmen" (*page 70*).
repare to camp for the night. It is evident that *Jose* is already repenting *Carmen* is tiring of her latest lover. After a quarrel with *Jose*, she joins s, who are telling fortunes with cards.

Into this strange and wild scene now enters *Micaela*, the peasant sweetheart of *Don Jose*, who has forgotten her in his fascination for the wayward *Carmen*. *Micaela* has braved the dangers of the road to the smugglers' retreat, whither *Don Jose* has followed *Carmen*, to carry to the soldier a message from his dying mother. The innocent girl is frightened by the vast and lonely mountains, and in her aria appeals to Heaven to protect her, ingenuously confessing her love for *Don Jose* and her detestation of the woman who has led him away from his duty.

MICAELA:
I try not to own that I tremble;
But I know I'm a coward, altho' bold I appear.
Ah! how can I ever call up my courage,
While horror and dread chill my sad heart with fear?
Here, in this savage retreat, sad and weary am I,
Alone and sore afraid.
Ah! heav'n, to thee I humbly pray,
Protect thou me, and guide and aid!
I shall see the guilty creature,
Who by infernal arts doth sever
From his country, from his duty,
Him I loved—and shall love ever!
I may tremble at her beauty,
But her power affrights me not.
Strong, in my just cause confiding,
Heaven! I trust myself to thee.
Ah! to this poor heart give courage,
Protector! guide and aid now me!

COPY'T MISHKIN
TRENTINI AS FRASQUITA

The young girl, hearing a shot fired, runs into a cave in fright. *Jose*, who is guarding the smugglers' effects, has seen a stranger and fires at him. It proves to be *Escamillo*, the toreador, who has come to join *Carmen*. He appears, examining his hat with rueful gaze, as *Jose's* bullet had gone through it. "Who are you?" says the latter. "I am *Escamillo*, toreador of Granada!" replies the bull fighter.

The duet which follows is given here by two famous artists of the Paris *Opéra*.

## Je suis Escamillo (I am Escamillo!)

**By Léon Beyle, Tenor, and Hector Dufranne, Baritone**

*(Double-faced – See page 70)* *(In French)* ***62750 10-inch, $0.75**

The two men compare notes, and learning that they are rivals, *Jose* challenges the other to a duel with knives, which is interrupted by the timely arrival of *Carmen* herself. This dialogue, with the fiery duet at the close, well depicts this exciting scene.

A popular-priced rendition by Beyle and Dufranne, of the *Opéra*, is listed above.

## Finale—"Mia tu sei" (You Command Me to Leave You)

**By Antonio Paoli, Tenor; Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Inez Salvador, and Francesco Cigada** *(In Italian)* **92035 12-inch, $3.00**

A dramatic scene between *Carmen* and *Jose* is interrupted by *Micaela*, who begs *Jose* to return to his mother; and *Carmen*, with fine scorn, echoes her request. Thus to leave his rival in possession of the field is too much for the soldier, who swears never to be parted from the gypsy until death.

CARMEN (*to Jose*):
Go, and go quickly; stay not here;
This way of life is not for thee!
JOSE (*to Carmen*):
To depart thou dost counsel me?
CARMEN:
Yes, thou shouldst go—
JOSE (*fiercely*):
Yes, that thou mayst follow
Another lover—the toreador!
No, Carmen, I will not depart!
MICAELA:
Be not deaf to my prayers;
Thy mother waits thee there.
The chain that binds thee, Jose,
Death will break.
JOSE (*to Micaela*):
Go from hence;
I cannot follow thee.
(*To Carmen.*)
Mine thou art, accursed one!
And I will force thee to know
And submit to the fate
That both our lives unites!

The message from his dying mother, however, decides him; he will go, but vows to return. In this wild and tumultuous number the jealous anger of *Jose* gives rise to some highly dramatic singing, delivered with extreme intensity and power by Paoli, the tragic theme at the close being introduced with meaning effect. The Toreador chorus indicates the triumph of *Escamillo* in the gypsy's attentions, and this with the orchestral close slowly sinking to rest brings the powerful act to a finish.

WITH CARMEN—ACT IV

## Third Intermezzo

**By La Scala Orchestra**
***62101 10-inch, $0.75**
**By Victor Herbert's Orchestra**
**(Preceded by the last part of Prelude to the Opera)**
**70066 12-inch, 1.25**

This short intermezzo is a quick bustling one, only the plaintive oboe solo indicating the tragedy which is soon to occur. The playing of this striking prelude is on the same artistic level which marks each of the renditions by these famous orchestras.

### ACT IV

*(A Square in Seville, with the walls of the Bull Ring shown at the back)*

The fourth act opens with a momentary brightness. Outside the *Plaza de Toros,* in Seville, an animated crowd awaits the procession about to enter the ring.

range sellers, hawkers of fans, ices and the rest, press their wares on the nely gay, and affords welcome relief from the intensity of the drama. ı returned to take part in the bull-fight, now enters, and all join in ıdor Song in his honor.

## [f You Love Me)

**ırrar, Soprano; Pasquale Amato, Baritone;**

As the procession passes on, the warning comes to *Carmen* that *Jose* is here, to which she replies that she fears him not.

## Duetto e Finale (Duet and Finale)

By Maria Passeri, Soprano; Antonio Paoli, Tenor; and La Scala Chorus 92050 12-inch, $3.00

## C'est toi! (You Here?)

By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor (*French*) 88533 12-inch, 3.00

## Je t'aime encore (Let Me Implore You)

By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano; Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor; with Metropolitan Opera Chorus (*French*) 88531 12-inch, 3.00

*Jose* now enters and makes a last appeal, which is dramatic in its intensity. It takes the form of a swinging melody to an insistent triplet accompaniment. To each request of her lover, *Carmen* adds her disdainful negative, reckless of the danger which threatens her.

JOSE (*in desperation*):
Now thou refusest my prayers,
Inhuman girl! For thy sake am I lost!
And then to know thee shameless, infamous!

COPY'T DUPONT

MARTIN AS DON JOSE

DON JOSE AND CARMEN

Laughing, in his arms, at my despair!
No, no! it shall not be, by Heaven!
Carmen, thou must be mine, mine only!
CARMEN (*proudly*): No, no, never!
JOSE: Ah! weary am I of threats.
CARMEN: Cease then,—or let me pass!
CHORUS (*in bull ring*): Victory! victory! Viva Escamillo!
JOSE: Again I beseech thee, Carmen, Wilt thou with me depart?

*Carmen's* last refusal, as she flings him back his ring, rouses the soldier's jealousy to madness and he stabs her to the heart. As she falls the success of the *Toreador* in the arena is announced by the singing of his well-known refrain. The last notes of the opera are a few pitiful tones from the stricken *Jose* addressed to the mute form of his beloved.

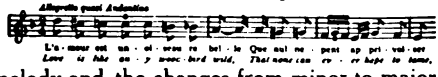
## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS CARMEN RECORDS

**Carmen Selection** By Pryor's Band 31562 12-inch, $1.00
Prelude to Act I—Toreador Song, Act II—"Habanera," Act I—Chorus from Act IV.

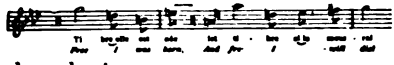
**Carmen Selection** By Sousa's Band
*Freischutz—Overture* *By Sousa's Band* } 35000 12-inch, 1.25

**Carmen Selection** By Pryor's Band
Opening of Act I—"Habanera," Act I—Chorus of Street Boys, Act I—Carmen's Defiance, Act IV
*Manon—Ah! fuyez douce image!* *By M. Rocca, Tenor* } 16575 10-inch, .75

The selection begins with the brilliant and animated Prelude, the first part of which is given, including the refrain of the famous "Toreador Song." Then is heard (as a cornet solo) the quaint "Habanera,"




with its curiously varied rhythm, its chromatic melody and the changes from minor to major which are so effective. With the last note the full band takes up the rollicking chorus of street boys from Act I, and after a few measures there appears suddenly the weird strain from Act IV when *Carmen* hurls at *Don Jose* her last defiance.



The spirited introductory strain returns, closing the selection.

## AND MISCELLANEOUS CARMEN RECORDS—Continued

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Here They Are"—Solo and Chorus, "Habanera" (Love is Like "Again He Sees His Village Home"—Sextette, "Our Chosen and Chorus, "Toreador Song"—Finale.

tor Opera Company (*In English*) 31843 12-inch, $1.00

of the most popular bits of Bizet's masterpiece have been crowded rranged potpourri.

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| By Alan Turner, Baritone (*In English*)<br>*of the Heart*<br>*By Alan Turner, Baritone* (*In English*) | 16521 | 10-inch, | $0.75 |
| By La Scala Orchestra<br>—*Hungarian March* *By Sousa's Band* | 68052 | 12-inch. | 1.25 |
| By La Scala Orchestra<br>Card Song) By Lavin de Casas, Mezzo-Soprano (*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*) | 62617 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| or (Toreador Song) By F. Cigada, Bari-t, Soprano; I. Salvador, Mezzo-Soprano; s (*In Italian*)<br>—*Intermezzo* *By Pryor's Orchestra* | 62618 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| II, Aragonaise La Scala Orchestra, Milan<br>u Love Me) By Inez Salvador, Mezzo-gada, Baritone (*In Italian*) | 62102 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Am Escamillo!) By Léon Beyle, Tenor;<br>ne, Baritone (*In French*)<br>*ltra*) *By Mlle. Lucette Korsoff, Soprano* (*French*) | 62750 | 10-inch, | .75 |

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE SETTING

(Italian)

# CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

*(Kah-vahl-lay-ree'-ah Roos-tih-kah'-nah)*

(English)

# RUSTIC CHIVALRY

## OPERA IN ONE ACT

Libretto adapted from the book of Verga by Targioni-Torzetti and Menasci; music by Mascagni. First production in Rome, May 17, 1890; in Germany, at Berlin, October 21, 1891; Paris, January 19, 1892; London, 1891. First United States production in Philadelphia, September 9, 1891.

### Cast

SANTUZZA, (*San-tool'-zah*) a village girl ..... Soprano
LOLA, (*Low'-lah*) wife of Alfio ..... Mezzo-Soprano
TURIDDU, (*Too-ree'-doo*) a young soldier ..... Tenor
ALFIO, (*Al'-fee-oh*) a teamster ..... Baritone
LUCIA, (*Loo-chee'-ah*) mother of Turiddu ..... Contralto
Chorus of Peasants and Villagers. Chorus behind the scenes.

*The scene is laid in a Sicilian village. Time, the present.*

## THE COMPOSER

Pietro Mascagni, son of a baker in Leghorn, was born December 7, 1863. Destined by his father to succeed him in business, the young man rebelled, and secretly entered the Cherubini Conservatory. He began composing at an early age, but none of his works attracted attention until 1890, when he entered a contest planned by Sonzogno, the Milan publisher. Securing a libretto based on a simple Sicilian tale by Verga, he composed the whole of this opera in eight days, producing a work full of dramatic fire and rich in Italian melody, and easily won the prize. Produced in Rome in 1890, it created a sensation, and in a short time has become one of the most popular of operas.

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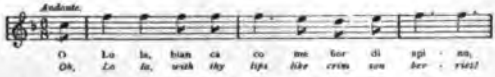
## THE STORY

*Turiddu,* a young Sicilian peasant, returns from the war and finds his sweetheart, *Lola,* has wedded *Alfio,* a carter. For consolation he pays court to *Santuzza,* who loves him not wisely but too well. Tiring of her, he turns again to *Lola,* who seems to encourage him. *Santuzza,* in despair, confides all to *Turiddu's* mother, and when *Alfio* returns tells him all. He is furious, challenges *Turiddu* and kills him.

## Prelude

**By La Scala Orchestra *35104 12-inch, $1.25**

The Prelude takes the form of a fantasia on the principal themes of the opera. During the number *Turiddu's* voice is heard in the charming *Siciliana,* in which he tells of his love for *Lola:*




## Siciliana (Thy Lips Like Crimson Berries)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** *(Harp acc.)*

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| | *(In Italian)* | 87072 | 10-inch, | $2.00 |
| uso, Tenor *(Piano acc.)* | *(In Italian)* | 81030 | 10-inch, | 2.00 |
| nlin, Tenor *(Harp acc.)* | *(In Italian)* | 64387 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| , Tenor | *(In German)* | 61202 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

ıe scenes, before the rise of the curtain, making it peculiarly effective. umber *Turiddu's* voice is heard dying away in the distance. This

GADSKI AS SANTUZZA

He is happy and free, his wife *Lola* loves him and guards his home while he is gone—this is the burden of his air.

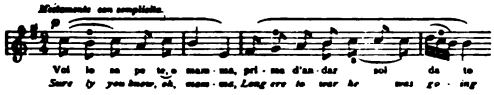
The peasants disperse and *Alfio* is left with *Lucia* and *Santuzza*. When he says he has just seen *Turiddu*, *Lucia* is surprised, but at a gesture from *Santuzza* she keeps silent.

After *Alfio* has entered the church, the Easter music is heard within and all kneel and join in the singing.

## Regina Coeli (Queen of the Heavens)

**By La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***68218 12-inch, $1.25**

All go into the church except *Lucia* and *Santuzza*, and the agitated girl now sings her touching romanza, beginning:




as she pours out her sad history to the sympathetic *Mamma Lucia*. This is one of the most powerful numbers in Mascagni's work.

## Voi lo sapete (Well You Know, Good Mother)

**By Margarete Matzenauer, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **88430 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Emma Calvé, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88086 12-inch, 3.00**
**By Emma Eames, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88037 12-inch, 3.00**

Stung with the remembrance of her great wrong she sings of vengeance, but love overpowers revenge, and in spite of herself, she cries: "I loved him! ah, I loved him!" Then the thought of her rival, *Lola*, returns and she gives way to despair, throwing herself at the feet of the gentle mother of *Turiddu*, who is powerless to aid her and who can only pray for the wretched woman.

SANTUZZA:
Well do you know, good mother,
Ere to the war he departed
Turiddu plighted to Lola his troth,
Like a man true-hearted.
And then, finding her wedded
Loved me!—I loved him!—
She, coveting what was my only treasure—
Enticed him from me!
She and Turiddu love again!
I weep and I weep and I weep still!

*Lucia* tries to comfort her and passes into the church just as *Turiddu* appears. He asks *Santuzza* why she does not go to mass. She says she cannot, and accuses him of treachery, which puts him in a rage, and he tells her brutally that she is now nothing to him.

## Tu qui, Santuzza (Thou Here, Santuzza!)

**By B. Besalù, Soprano, and G. Ciccolini, Tenor** (*Italian*) ***55022 12-inch, $1.50**

## No, No, Turiddu

**By Besalù and Ciccolini** (*In Italian*) ***55022 12-inch, $1.50**

This scene is now interrupted by *Lola's* voice, heard behind the scenes.

LOLA (*behind the scenes*):
My king of roses,
Radiant angels stand
In Heav'n in thousands;
None like to him so bright
That land discloses,
My king of roses!—

She enters, and divining the situation, shows her power by taking *Turiddu* into the church with her. Frantic with jealousy, *Santuzza* turns to *Alfio*, who now enters, and tells him that his wife is false. Two records are required to present this powerful scene.

## Turiddu mi tolse (Turiddu Forsakes Me!)

**By B. Besalù and E. Badini** (*In Italian*) ***55021 12-inch, $1.50**
**By Joanna and Minolfi** (*In Italian*) ***45002 10-inch, 1.00**

## Ad essi io non perdono ('Tis They Who Are Shameful)

**By Clara Joanna and Renzo Minolfi** (*In Italian*) ***45002 10-inch, $1.00**

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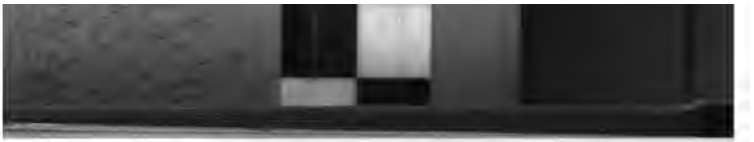

## OF THE OPERA—CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

SANTUZZA: None should go
But those who have not sinned!
LOLA: Thanks be to the Almighty.

## Brindisi (Drinking Song)

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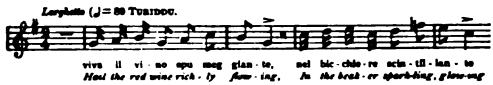
| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 81062 | 10-inch, $2.00 |
| By George Hamlin, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64245 | 10-inch, 1.00 |

In striking contrast to the prevailing tragic tone of Mascagni's opera comes this merry drinking song, which *Turiddu* sings as gaily as if he had not a care in the world, although at that moment the culminating tragedy of the duel was close at hand. The *Brindisi*, which has a most fascinating swing, begins:




TURIDDU:

Hail the red wine richly flowing,
In the beaker, sparkling, glowing,
Like young love, with smiles bestowing,
Now our holiday 'twill bless.

Hail the wine that flows and bubbles,
Kills care, banishes all troubles,
Brings peace, pleasure it redoubles,
Causes sweet forgetfulness!

*Alfio* now enters, and when *Turiddu* offers him a cup, he refuses. *Turiddu* throws out the wine, saying carelessly, "Very well! suit your pleasure!"

The seriousness of this scene is not lost on the peasants, who now leave the young men together. A challenge is quickly given and accepted after the Sicilian fashion, *Turiddu* viciously biting *Alfio's* ear, and they arrange to meet in the garden.

*Turiddu* now calls his mother from the cottage, and asks for her blessing, bidding her, if he does not return, to be a mother to *Santuzza*.

## Addio alla madre (Turiddu's Farewell to His Mother)

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| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 88458 | 12-inch, $3.00 |
| By Riccardo Martin, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 88277 | 12-inch, 3.00 |
| By Gennaro de Tura, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 76015 | 12-inch, 2.00 |
| By G. Ciccolini, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | *55021 | 12-inch, 1.50 |

## Finale to the Opera

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| By Mmes. Joanna, Rumbelli and Chorus | (*In Italian*) | *45003 | 10-inch, $1.00 |

*Lucia* is distressed and bewildered, and calls after him despairingly. Confused cries are now heard and a woman screams "*Turiddu* is murdered!" *Santuzza* and *Lucia* sink down senseless, and the curtain slowly falls.

THE DEATH OF TURIDDU

**Double-Faced Record—See page 76.*

## AND MISCELLANEOUS CAVALLERIA RECORDS

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| Rusticana"<br>"—"Alfio's Song"—Lola's Ditty, "My King of<br>ia"—"Drinking Song"—"Easter Chorus"<br>y Victor Opera Company (*In English*)<br>*By Victor Opera Company* (*In English*) | 35343 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| riddu Forsakes Me!) By<br>ınd E. Badini, Baritone (*In Italian*)<br>'eneroso (Mother! the Wine<br>ıes) By G. Coccolini, Tenor (*In Italian*) | 55021 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| u, Santuzza) By Besalù and Ciccolini<br>By Besalù and Ciccolini (*In Italian*) | 55022 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| By La Scala Orchestra<br>," "Easter Chorale," "Intermezzo") Pryor's B | 35104 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Coro d' Introduzione<br>By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*) | 68218 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| ore (Turiddu Forsakes Me!)<br>Joanna and Renzo Minolfi (*In Italian*)<br>o—By Joanna and Minolfi (*In Italian*) | 45002 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| Clara Joanna, Soprano; Sra.<br>oprano; and La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>By Renzo Minolfi, Baritone (*In Italian*) | 45003 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| Homeward!) La Scala Chorus (*Italian*)<br>*dre Nostro Mussini and Molinari* (*Italian*) | 45014 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Pryor's Orchestra<br>*izet*)<br>*, Huguet, Salvador and Chorus* (*In Italian*) | 62618 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Victor Concert Orchestra<br>*Victor Concert Orchestra* | 17311 | 10-inch, | .75 |

(French)

# LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE

(English)

# THE CHIMES OF NORMANDY

## COMIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Clairville and Gabet; music by Robert Planquette. First produced at the *Folies Dramatiques*, Paris, April 19, 1877, where it ran for four hundred continuous performances. First New York production at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, October 27, 1877.

ROBERT PLANQUETTE

**Characters**

HENRI, the Marquis of Valleroi ..... Baritone
GRENICHEUX, a young villager ..... Tenor
GASPARD, a miser ..... Bass
SERPOLETTE, the good-for-nothing ..... Soprano
GERMAINE, the lost Marchioness ..... Mezzo-Soprano
SHERIFF ..... Bass

*Time and Place: Normandy; time of Louis XV.*

The Chimes of Normandy abounds in striking numbers, and the music is full of gayety and French grace. It has had no less than six thousand performances, a testimony to its enduring place in popular appreciation.

The opera opens in an old Norman village, where a fair is in progress. *Henri*, the *Marquis of Valleroi*, has just returned to his native town after an absence of many years. The village gossips are discussing with vehemence scandals about *Serpolette*, the village good-for-nothing, who arrives just in time to vindicate herself by turning the tables on her traducers. *Gaspard*, the miser, has a plan for marrying his niece, *Germaine*, to the sheriff, but the young girl objects, telling him that if she must wed she feels it her duty to marry *Grenicheux*, a young villager, in gratitude for his saving her life. To escape the marriage, which is distasteful to both *Germaine* and *Grenicheux*, and to fly from the vengeance of *Gaspard* and the sheriff, she and *Grenicheux* take advantage of the privileges of fair time and become servants of the *Marquis*.

In the second act the ghosts are reported to be roaming the Castle of Valleroi. The *Marquis* does not credit these stories and soon discovers it is only old *Gaspard*, the miser, who, when found out, goes crazy through fear of losing the treasures he has concealed there. In the last act the castle is restored to its former splendor and the *Marquis* is giving a fête to which he invites all the villagers, including the crazy *Gaspard*. *Serpolette* is there as a fine lady with *Grenicheux* as her factotum. After a love scene between the *Marquis* and *Germaine*, it is discovered that the latter is the rightful heiress and true claimant to the title of Marchioness. The story comes to a fitting conclusion with the betrothal of the *Marquis* and *Germaine*, over whom the bells of Corneville ring out sweetly and gladly to tell the happy news.

The Victor offers three band records of the principal airs, and an unusually effective selection of five of the most popular numbers in the opera by the Victor Light Opera Company.

## Gems from "Chimes of Normandy"

Chorus, "Silent Heroes"—"Just Look at This, Just Look at That"—"Cold Sweat is on My Brow"—"That Night I'll Ne'er Forget"—"Bell Chorus"—Finale.
**By the Victor Light Opera Company** — 31788 — 12-inch, $1.00

## Selection of the Principal Airs

**By Sousa's Band** — 31180 — 12-inch, 1.00

**Selection of the Principal Airs** — By Sousa's Band / *By Pryor's Band* — 35134 — 12-inch, 1.25
*Naila Intermezzo (Pas des Fleurs)*

**Selection of the Principal Airs** — By Pryor's Band / *By Pryor's Band* — 16385 — 10-inch, .75
*Poet and Peasant Overture (von Suppe)*

# RISTOFORO COLOMBO

## L DRAMA IN FOUR ACTS AND EPILOGUE

a. Music by Alberto Franchetti. First produced at Genoa in 1892; vas brought out at La Scala December 26, of the same year. Pro- tober 5, 1893. First American production at Buenos Aires, July 21, ed States at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, November elphia-Chicago Opera Company, the cast including Titta Ruffo, Rosa Gustave Huberdeau, Henri Scott, Ruby Heyl and Federeci Venturini, e, Fosetta and de Keyser.

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**Characters**

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| A..... | Soprano |
| ..... | Tenor |
| XIMINES..... | Baritone |
| RIANA..... | Baritone |

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The libretto, by Luigi Illica, presents in a simple manner some episodes from three periods in the life of the discoverer of America, and takes sufficient liberties with historical fact to give the story a romantic touch and an effective ending in the death of *Columbus* at the tomb of *Isabella*.

The first act portrays a square in Salamanca, before the Council chamber, in 1485,

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DAMNATION OF FAUST—FOURTH SCENE—PARIS OPÉRA

(French)

# LA DAMNATION DE FAUST

*(Lah Dam-nah-seeohn' d'h Fowst)*

# (DAMNATION OF FAUST)

Hector Berlioz's dramatic legend in four parts; book based on de Nerval's version of Goethe's poem, partly by Gandonniere, but completed by Berlioz himself. First performed December 6, 1846, at the *Opéra Comique,* Paris, in concert form. In New York under Dr. Leopold Damrosch, February 12, 1880. It was given at Monte Carlo as an opera February 18, 1893, with Jean de Reszke as *Faust.* Revived there March, 1902, with Melba, de Reszke and Renaud. First American performance of the operatic version in New York, 1908.

**Cast**

MARGUERITE (*Mahr-guer-eet'*) . . . . . Soprano
FAUST (*Fowst*) . . . . . Tenor
MEPHISTOPHELES (*Mef-iss-tof'-el-leez*) . . . . . Baritone or Bass
BRANDER . . . . . Bass

*Place: A German village.*

No one to-day doubts the genius of Berlioz, and critics are almost unanimous in praising his originality, his spontaneous force and immense creative power. But, like many another genius, he had to die to be appreciated! His *La Damnation de Faust* was quite coldly received by the French public. Ten years after his death, however, what a change began! A Berlioz memorial in Paris, at the Hippodrome, where thousands were turned away; Berlioz monuments erected in Grenoble and other cities of France; the first performance of Damnation of Faust as an opera at Monte Carlo in 1893, amid scenes of the wildest enthusiasm; and finally a magnificent production in Paris in 1903, on the hundredth anniversary of Berlioz's birth, the cast including Calvé, Alvarez and Renaud.

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AUERBACH'S BEER CELLAR IN LEIPSIC—ACT II

written by Berlioz for *Mephistopheles*, two of which have been ed for the Victor by Plançon and de Gogorza.

## THE OPERA

ıg Goethe's poem, located the opening scene on a plain in Hungary interpolation of the Rakoczy March. We quote Berlioz himself on the Hungarian Rakoczy theme, written one night at Vienna, at Pesth that I introduced it into my Faust score, taking the liberty of ngary and making him witness the passage of a Hungarian troop he is wandering in reverie." But Raoul Gunsbourg, who adapted e, changed the first scene to a room with open windows showing the

In the third scene *Faust* and *Mephistopheles* go to a beer cellar in Leipsic, where students and soldiers are carousing. *Brander* sings his song of the rat, which as in the Gounod opera, meets with but ironical praise from *Mephistopheles*, and he volunteers his famous "Romance of the Flea," a curiosity of music as effective as it is difficult to render.

## Chanson de la puce (Song of the Flea)

**By Pol Plançon, Bass** (*In French*) **81087 10-inch, $2.00**

Gounod's *Mephistopheles* is mild and innocent by the side of the strange utterances of the Devil as portrayed by Berlioz.

This is one of the most interesting numbers in the work, for Berlioz has described, by means of clever forms in the accompaniment, the skipping of the flea in various directions. The words are most fantastic—

Once a king, be it noted, had a fine and lusty flea,
And on this flea he doted, cherish'd him tenderly,
So he sent for his tailor, and to the tailor spake:
"Please to measure this youngster, and coat and breeches make!"

In velvet and in satin
He now was duly drest
Had jewels rare his hat in,
And medals deck'd his breast!

*Faust* dislikes the scene, and the two vanish from the gaze of the astonished students amid a fiery glow.

LE THÉÂTRE DANCE OF THE SYLPHS

We next discover *Faust* asleep in a lonely forest on the banks of the Elbe, where the demon murmurs a softly penetrating melody into his ear, lulling him to slumber with these seductive words—

'Mid banks of roses, softly the light reposes,
On this fair, fragrant bed, rest, O Faust, rest thy head—
Here slumber, while lovely visions haunt thy dream
Of radiant forms, rare lips and eyes that fondly beam!

while the gnomes and sylphs dance through his dreams, and the vision of *Marguerite* is seen for the first time.

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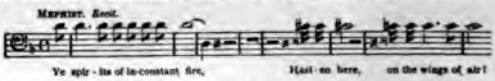


*Marguerite's* door, and the demon continues:

f caprice and of evil, conspire
and subdue, and win a maiden soul.
ye sons of Evil, dance in the name of the devil,
isp and gnome, dance, or away you go!

he will-o'-the-wisps, *Mephistopheles* sings his serenade:

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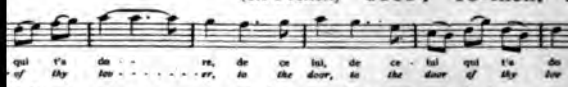


h Berlioz has reproduced the peculiar effect of the guita

to the door of thy lover,
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r? why art there?

Oh, sweet maiden, beware;
come away do not enter;
It were folly to venture,
Refrain, nor enter there!

a much more sardonic and less gentlemanly devil than
in Gounod's opera.

*Marguerite* apparently sleeps, but soon comes from the hous
enter the church, but the influence of *Mephistopheles* prev
nd falls into the arms of *Faust*.

scenes. Scene I shows a moonlit room where the unha
This changes to a rocky pass where *Mephistopheles* inf
be executed for the murder of her mother. *Faust* demands
red by *Mephistopheles* to sign the fatal contract which ple
ning the infernal steeds *Vortex* and *Giaour*, the wild Rid
striking moving panorama, while at the close the angels
to rescue the soul of the pardoned *Marguerite*.

ED DAMNATION OF FAUST RECORDS

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THE RIDE TO HELL—ACT V

(English)

# DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT

(French)

# LA FILLE DU REGIMENT

*(Lah Feeyeh deh Rezh'-ee-mong')*

## COMIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Words by Bayard and St. Georges. Music by Donizetti. First produced at the *Opéra Comique*, Paris, February 11, 1840; Milan, October 30, 1840; Berlin, 1842, at the Royal Opera, and during the next sixty years it had two hundred and fifty performances on that stage. Produced in London, in English, at the Surrey Theatre, December 21, 1847, and during the same year, in Italian, with Jenny Lind. The first American performance of which the Editor has knowledge was that at the New Orleans Opera, March 7, 1843. Jenny Lind, Sontag, Lucca and Patti have all appeared here as *Marie*. Revived in 1902-03 at the Metropolitan Opera House for Sembrich, the cast including Charles Gilibert as *Sulpizio*. Produced by Oscar Hammerstein in 1909, with Tetrazzini, McCormack and Gilibert.

### Characters

TONIO, a peasant of Tyrol ..... Tenor
SULPIZIO, Sergeant of the 21st ..... Bass
MARIE, Vivandière of the 21st ..... Soprano
MARCHIONESS OF BERKENFIELD ..... Mezzo-Soprano

*The scene is laid in the Swiss Tyrol.*

Up to 1840 Donizetti had written no less than fifty-three operas, and during that year five new ones were created by him. His *Daughter of the Regiment* is a brilliant little opera, with its rollicking songs, its drums, its vivacious heroine and its comic old *Corporal*. Few works are so rich in melody or possess a more entertaining plot, which tells of the Tyrolese peasant, *Tony*, who enters a regiment to win the heart of its *vivandiere*, or daughter.

DONIZETTI

The opera was first produced in 1840 at the *Opéra Comique*, and was the fifty-third work of Donizetti. At first it was not a success, and it was not until after its German and Italian triumphs that French opera-goers took to the work.

At the beginning of the opera *Marie* is a beautiful girl of seventeen, who had been found on the battlefield as an infant, and brought up by *Sulpizio* as the daughter of the regiment. *Marie* is loved by *Tonio*, a young peasant, who had saved her life in the Alps and who follows the regiment to be near her. The young girl returns his affection, and they decide to appeal to *Sulpizio*.

In asking for *Marie's* hand in marriage *Tonio's* suit is brought before the regiment, which decides that he may have the *Vivandière* providing he joins the army, which he promptly does. *Sulpizio* meets the *Marchioness of Berkenfield* and gives her a letter which he had found addressed to her at the time the baby *Marie* was found on the battlefield.

The *Marchioness*, who had married a French army captain far beneath her own rank, immediately recognizes the young girl as her daughter. The marriage had been a secret one and the child was confided to her father's care at her birth. Not wishing to acknowledge this marriage even now, the *Marchioness* declares *Marie* to be her niece, and dismisses *Tonio* as a totally unfit person to wed a high-born maiden.

*Marie* assumes her proper position in society, her "aunt" selecting a wealthy Count as

a future husband for her. However, in the midst of all her beautiful surroundings *Marie* continues to long for her sweetheart *Tonio*. Her mother, still pretending to be her aunt, endeavors to persuade her to give up *Tonio* and marry the Count, but *Marie* flatly refuses. In desperation the *Marchioness* reveals herself as the girl's own mother, and the maiden then agrees to accede to her wishes and marry the Count. Touched by *Marie's* filial devotion, the *Marchioness* consents to allow her to marry *Tonio*, who in the meantime, through rapid promotion, has reached a high rank in the French army under Napoleon.

The Victor offers five records from this charming opera; the first being the tuneful *Per viver vicino*, the song of the lover *Tonio*. Mr. McCormack gives a spirited performance of this delightful *Romanza*. The rôle of *Marie* is one of Mme. Hempel's favorite ones, and she has sung for the Victor the famous Adam variations, which display the brilliancy and flexibility of her voice in a marked degree. Mlle. Heilbronner gives a splendid rendition of the *Salut à la France*. Two fine band records are also offered—a Pryor's Band rendition of the gay and spirited *Overture* and a Vessella Band record of the principal airs in the opera.

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TETRAZZINI AS MARIE

## o (To Be Near Her)

# DINORAH

*(Dee-noh'-rah)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Libretto by Barbier and Carré. Music by Giacomo Meyerbeer. First production Paris, *Opéra Comique*, April 4, 1859. First London production, under direction of Meyerbeer, July 26, 1859. First American production, November 24, 1864, with Cordier, Brignoli and Amodio. Sung by Ilma di Murska at Booth's Theatre in 1867; in 1879 with Mariman and Campanini; and in 1882 with Patti. Revived in 1892 for Marie Van Zandt, and by Oscar Hammerstein in 1907 for Mme. Tetrazzini.

**Cast**

HOËL, a goatherd ..... Bass
CORENTINO, bag-piper ..... Tenor
DINORAH, betrothed to Hoël ..... Soprano
HUNTSMAN ..... Bass

*Place: Breton village of Ploërmel.*

© SUPOST ANCONA AS HOËL

Although the name of Meyerbeer is usually associated with *Robert le Diable, Prophéte* and *Huguenots*, his opera, *Pardon de Ploërmel* (afterwards revised and renamed *Dinorah*), was at one time a favorite work with opera-lovers.

The revival of Meyerbeer's sparkling opera during the last Manhattan season was most welcome, not only for its tunefulness, but because it was an ideal medium for the exhibition of Mme. Tetrazzini's marvelous gifts.

Old opera-goers in America will remember the productions of the past—that arranged for Marie Van Zandt in 1892; Patti's famous performance a dozen years before; and the fine impersonations of Gerster, di Murska and Marimon. But it is safe to say that no exponent of the part of the wandering Breton shepherdess has ever excelled Mme. Tetrazzini in the rôle.

The plot is utterly absurd—its demented goat-girl, seeking a runaway lover; the lover himself, who contrary to operatic precedent is a baritone, and who spends a year chasing an imaginary treasure; a weak-kneed bag-piper. These are the principal characters.

But in the music Meyerbeer has atoned for the triviality of the libretto, and the audience listens to the delightful melodies and pays little attention to the plot.

The action is laid in Brittany. *Dinorah*, a maiden of the village of Ploërmel, is about to be wedded to *Hoël*, a goat-herd, when a storm destroys the house of the bride's father. *Hoël* resolves to rebuild it, and goes off to seek treasure in a haunted region, while *Dinorah*, thinking herself deserted, loses her reason, and wanders through the country with her faithful goat, seeking the absent *Hoël*.

## ACT I

As the curtain rises, *Dinorah* enters in her bridal dress, seeking her goat, and finding the animal asleep, sings this lullaby to him. So lovely an air is worthy of a better object.

### Si, carina caprettina (Yes, My Beloved One)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano** *(In Italian)* **35180 12-inch, $1.25**

Slumber, darling, sweetly slumber,
Sleep, my belov'd one, sleep!
Soft the evening breeze is playing,
'Neath the cooling shadows here
Flows a streamlet, fresh and clear,
Swift, among the flowers straying.
Alas! six days has she been away,
Nor yet returns!

Perchance she has wandered on the hills
Amid the thorns!
Ah! wert thou to be seized by the wolf—fear not!
I will be there to defend thee—fear not!
Yes, darling sleep in peace,
Sweet little birds your warbling cease,
My beauteous one must sleep.
Awake her not! Yet softer still!

r, enters and is terrified at the sight of *Dinorah*, believing her to be m he had heard, who causes the runaway traveler to dance till he it of mischief, makes him dance until he is exhausted, and runs

king the treasure, and confides in *Corentino*, telling him that the had lived for a year had instructed him to seek for a white goat o the gold. The bell of *Dinorah's* goat is heard, and *Hoël* pursues terrified *Corentino*.

## ACT II

gins with the famous shadow dance, for which Meyerbeer has eautiful music. *Dinorah* enters, and seeing her shadow in the a friend and sings and dances to it.

### Ombra leggiera (Shadow Song)

**By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano 88298 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Maria Galvany, Soprano 88222 12-inch, 3.00**
**By Olive Kline, Soprano**
**(*In Italian*) 55047 12-inch, 1.50**

Light flitting shadow, companion gay
Go not away!
Play here beside me, dark fears betide me
When thou dost go far from me!
Ah! go not away, go not away!

Each coming morn I thee would find,
Ah prithee stay and dance with me!
If thou wilt stay, nor go away,
Thou thus shalt hear me sing.

Know'st thou not that Hoël loves me?
That as his bride he claims me!

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SCENE FROM DON CARLOS

# DON CARLOS

*(Don Kahr'-los)*

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Libretto by Mèry and Du Locle; music by Verdi. First produced at Paris, March 11, 1867; in London, at Her Majesty's Theatre, June 4, 1867. Although it was revised and improved by Verdi in 1883, it is seldom given nowadays. Revived at La Scala, Milan, in 1912 and recently at Monte Carlo for Ruffo.

### Original Paris Cast

PHILIP II ..... Obin, *Bass*
DON CARLOS ..... Morère, *Tenor*
MARQUIS DE POSA ..... Faure, *Baritone*
GRAND INQUISITOR ..... Belval, *Bass*
ELIZABETH DE VALOIS ..... Sass, *Soprano*
PRINCESS EPOLI ..... Gueymard, *Soprano*

Don Carlos belongs to the intermediate stage of Verdi's career as a composer. After his Trovatore, Traviata and Masked Ball had been produced, the younger musicians, influenced by the doctrines of Wagner which had reached Italy, began to protest against the current style of Italian opera. Verdi, however, had already taken a step forward in Don Carlos, written for the Paris *Opéra*, and it was enthusiastically received.

Schiller's magnificent drama gave Verdi great opportunities for dramatic writing, and some of his greatest arias, notably the fine *Per me giunto*, may be found in this opera.

The libretto is based on Schiller's drama of Don Carlos, and tells of the erratic and morbid son of Philip II of Spain, who was engaged to Elizabeth of France, but subsequently became her stepson. The conduct of *Don Carlos* finally became so scandalous that his father placed him under arrest and confined him in the Madrid prison, where he died in 1568, at the age of twenty-three.

The same plot had previously been used by Bona, Milan, 1847; Costa, London, 1844; Moscuzza, Naples, 1862; and also by Ferrari. Operas with the same title but a different plot

DON CARLOS AT LA SCALA, MILAN—ACT II, SCENE II

s (Paris, 1780) and Deshayes (Paris, 1800). John Towers also men-
e (1828) and Nordal (1810).

*Philip II* of Spain, is in love with *Elizabeth of Valois*, daughter of the
. For state reasons, however, *Henry* has arranged that his daughter
shall marry *King Philip*, and accordingly the royal ceremony
takes place. The passion which *Carlos* feels for his young

(Italian)

# DON GIOVANNI

(*Don Joh-vahn'-nee*)

(Spanish)

# DON JUAN

(*Don Huahn*)

## OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte. Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. First produced at Prague, October 29, 1787; at Vienna, May 7, 1788; at Berlin, 1791; Paris, 1811. First London production April 12, 1817; produced in New York May 29, 1826. First New Orleans production May 9, 1853. Some notable revivals occurred in 1889 at Metropolitan Opera House, with Reichmann, Kalisch, Behrens and Fischer; in 1898 with Sembrich, Nordica, Eames and Plançon; in 1900 with Sembrich, Nordica and de Reszke; and at the Manhattan Opera in 1909 with Russ, Donalda, Bonci and Renaud.

At the great Mozart Festival performance of 1914 in Salzburg, the composer's birthplace, the cast (made up almost entirely of Victor artists), included Lilli Lehmann, Farrar, de Segurola, McCormack and Forsell.

### Cast

DON GIOVANNI, a licentious young nobleman ..... Baritone
DON OCTAVIO, (*Oct-tah'-vee-oh*) betrothed to Donna Anna ..... Tenor
LEPORELLO, (*Lep-oh-rel'-loh*) servant of Don Giovanni ..... Bass
DON PEDRO, (*Pay-droh*) the Commandant ..... Bass
DONNA ANNA, his daughter ..... Soprano
MASETTO, (*Mas-set'-toh*) a peasant ..... Bass
ZERLINA, (*Zer-lee'-nah*) betrothed to Masetto ..... Soprano
DONNA ELVIRA, (*El-ose'-rah*) a lady of Burgos ..... Soprano
Peasants, Musicians, Dancers, Demons.

*Scene and Period: Seville, in the middle of the seventeenth century.*

Mozart's Don Giovanni was written in 1787 and produced during the same year at Prague. Da Ponte, the librettist, was a Viennese Court dramatist, who had also written Le Nozze di Figaro. The plot of the opera was probably founded upon a play entitled *El Burlador de Sevilla y Convirada de piedra,* attributed to Tirso de Molina, a Spanish monk and prior of a monastery at Madrid. This had also served as a basis for numerous other "Don Juan" plays and operas by Fabrizzi, Gardi, Raimondi, Carnicer and latterly Dargomyszky, the Russian composer.

EDOUARD DE RESZKE AS LEPORELLO

## ACT I

SCENE 1—*The Courtyard of the Commandant's Palace at Seville. It is Night*

The wicked *Don Giovanni,* ever pursuing his gay conquests, attempts to enter *Donna Anna's* apartments. She cries for help and he tries to escape, but is pursued by the angry girl, who endeavors to

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SCOTTI AS DON GIOVANNI

Her father comes to the rescue and is mortally wounded by the *Don*, followed by *Leporello*, his servant. *Donna Anna* is overcome with grief, ıed, *Don Octavio*, to avenge her father's death.

SCENE II—*An Inn in a Deserted Spot Outside Seville*

*Don Giovanni* and *Leporello* enter and conceal themselves as a lady approaches in a carriage. Hoping for a new conquest, the *Don* comes forward, hat in hand, but is surprised to find that it is *Donna Elvira*, a young woman whom he has lately deceived and deserted. She denounces him for his baseness and he makes his escape, leaving *Leporello* to explain as best he can. *Leporello* rather enjoys the situation, ıd adds to the lady's anger by

SCENE III—*In the Suburbs of Seville. Don Giovanni's Palace Visible on the Right*

A rustic wedding party comprising *Zerlina, Masetto* and a company of peasants are enjoying an outing. *Don Giovanni* and *Leporello* appear, and the *Don* is charmed at the sight of so much youthful beauty. He bids *Leporello* conduct the party to his palace and give them refreshments, contriving, however, to detain *Zerlina. Masetto* protests, but the *Don* points significantly to his sword and the bridegroom prudently decides to follow the peasants.

The *Don* then proceeds to flatter the young girl and tells her she is too beautiful for such a clown as *Masetto.* She is impressed and coquettes with him in the melodious duet, *La ci darem,* the witty phrases and delicate harmonies of which make it one of the gems of Mozart's opera.

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NIELSEN AS ZERLINA

## La ci darem la mano (Thy Little Hand, Love!)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Antonio Scotti, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **89015 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Emma Eames, Soprano, and Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **89005 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Graziella Pareto, Soprano, and Titta Ruffo, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **92505 12-inch, 4.00**

This celebrated number, which has been sung by many famous artists during the one hundred and twenty-eight years since its first hearing, is one of the best examples of the many sparkling concerted numbers which Mozart has written. Always interesting, it is wholly delightful when sung by such artists as those who have rendered it for the Victor. Not less than three versions, by famous exponents of the characters of *Zerlina* and *Don Giovanni,* are presented here.

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JEAN DE RESZKE AS DON GIOVANNI. HIS DÉBUT AS A BARITONE (LONDON, 1875)

DON GIOVANNI:
Nay, bid me not resign, love, coldly the hand I press,
Oh! say thou wilt be mine, love, breathe but that one word "yes."

ZERLINA:
I would and yet I would not, I feel my heart misgive,
Shouldst thou prove false, I could not become thy scorn and live.

DON GIOVANNI:
Come then, oh come then, dearest.

ZERLINA:
Yet should thy fondness alter.

DON GIOVANNI:
Nay, love, in vain thou fearest.

BOTH:
Yes, hand and heart uniting, each other's cause requiting,
Our joy no bounds shall know!

*Giovanni* is about to lead *Zerlina* away, when *Donna Elvira,* who has been watching, rescues the young girl and carries her off, to the chagrin of the *Don. Donna Anna* now enters with *Octavio,* who asks the help of his friend *Don Giovanni* in tracing the murderer of *Donna Anna's* father. The *Don* assures them of his devotion, and goes to his palace, while *Donna Anna* tells her lover that she recognizes by his voice that *Don Giovanni* is the one who slew her father.

*ello* and the *Don* enter. The serv-
ıt when *Donna Elvira* and *Zerlina*
and *Elvira* attempted to tell the
ıt the *Don*, he led her gently out-
locked it. He is complimented
ls him prepare for the feast of the
the gay *Don* sings his brilliant
ın every land.

## vino (Wine, Flow

**Baritone,**
*'talian)* **87174 10-inch, $2.00**

ntain!
to the festal.
All that are witty,
y,
with excellent fare.
ripping it, wilful or willing;
some seguidilling,
only may care!
dyly decoying
ove to declare;
, long ere the morning,
' names of the fair!

ırtrayal of the *Don* is famous in
erica, and was one of his greatest
ɣs this lively *brindisi* with brilliancy

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ABOTT AND RENAUD AS ZERLINA AND DON GIOVANNI

:o *Don Giovanni's* garden. *Zerlina* is
r peace with *Masetto*, but he is sulky. She then sings her lovely *Batti, batti.*

ance. They denounce *Don Giovanni*, who defies them with drawn sword, and makes his escape from the palace.

## ACT II

SCENE I—*A Square in Seville. Donna Elvira's Residence on the Left. It is a Moonlight Night*

*Don Giovanni*, followed by his servant, enters, wrapped in a mantle and carrying a mandolin. He has heard of a pretty servant whom *Donna Elvira* possesses, and is plotting to get the mistress out of the way. As *Elvira* sits at her window, he addresses her, pretending to be repentant, but when she comes out he pushes *Leporello* forward to impersonate him. While they are conversing, the *Don* makes a great outcry and the pair run off in fright.

The coast clear, the *Don* sings his famous *Serenade* to the fair waiting maid.

CLEMENT AS DON

### Serenata, "Deh vieni alla finestra" (Open Thy Window, Love)

**By Antonio Scotti, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88194 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88447 12-inch, 3.00**

**By Titto Ruffo, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **87112**

**By M. Hector Dufranne, Baritone** (*In French*) ***45011**

**By Giuseppè de Luca, Baritone** (*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*) ***62623**

DON GIOVANNI:
Ope, ope thy casement, dearest,
Thyself one moment show;
Oh, if my pray'r thou hearest,
Wave but that arm of snow.
Canst thou my ceaseless sighing
With cold indif'rence greet?
Ah! wouldst thou see me dying
Despairing, at thy feet?
Thy sigh were balm amid a heav'n of flowers;
Oh, for one kiss, this soul would perish!

Ruffo's impersonation of *Don Giovanni* is admirable in every respect. gate nobleman and irresistible wooer to the life, and sings the difficult This famous serenade is given by Scotti with the grace and ease which while Mr. De Gogorza, whose concert audiences are very fond of the nun dash and spirit. Two records by famous European baritones are also offere well known in America, and Signor de Luca, who is about to join the Me

His amours are rudely interrupted by *Masetto*, who appears with a com all armed with muskets, seeking the villain. The *Don*, pretending to be put them on the right track. Then follows a series of amusing situations capture of the supposed *Don* by the three conspirators, but it proves to takes advantage of the situation to make his escape.

The next scene shows the Cathedral Square, with the statue of the mandant in the centre. The *Don* and *Leporello* enter, and are discussing evening, when the statue speaks to them. *Leporello* is terrified, but the *Do* and boldly invites the statue to supper.

The scene changes to the banquet hall, where in the midst of the knocking is heard. The guests flee in terror, as the gigantic figure of

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 94.*

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appears. *Leporello* cowers in terror, but *Don Giovanni* is defiant until the ghost seizes his hand, when he feels for the first time a terrible fear. The statue sinks, flames appear on all sides, and demons rise and seize the guilty libertine.

THE GHOST

## DOUBLE-FACED DON GIOVANNI RECORDS

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| *Step* | By Victor Dance Orchestra<br>*By Victor Dance Orchestra* | 35060 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| . Hector Dufranne, Baritone (*In French*)<br>*ard de ses yeux!—Leon Beyle, Tenor (French)* | | 45011 | 10-inch, 1.00 |
| )—By Arcangelo Rossi, Bass (*In Italian*) | | | |

WHITE

DONNE CURIOSE—"THE CLUB," ACT I

(German)

# DIE NEUGIERIGEN FRAUEN

(Italian)

# LE DONNE CURIOSE

*(Don-neh Koo-ree-oh'-seh)*

(English)

# INQUISITIVE WOMEN

## MUSICAL COMEDY IN THREE ACTS

**Libretto by Luigi Sugana, after Carlo Goldoni; music by Ermanna Wolf-Ferrari. Produced in Munich November 27, 1903, as *Die Neugierigen Frauen*. First United States production, at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, January 3, 1912, with Farrar, Jadlowker, Scotti, Fornia and Murphy.**

### Characters

| | |
|---|---|
| OTTAVIO, a rich Venetian | Bass |
| BEATRICE, his wife | Mezzo-Soprano |
| ROSAURA, his daughter | Soprano |
| FLORINDO, betrothed to Rosaura | Tenor |
| PANTALONE, a Venetian merchant | Buffo-Baritone |
| LELIO, } his friends | Baritone |
| LEANDRO, } his friends | Tenor |
| COLOMBINA, Rosaura's maid | Soprano |
| ELEANORA, wife to Lelio | Soprano |
| ARLECCHINO, servant to Pantalone | Buffo-Bass |

Servants, gondoliers, men and women of the populace.

*Time and Place: Venice; the middle of the eighteenth century.*

JADLOWKER
AND FLORINDO

*Le Donne Curiose* is a genuine comedy. The plot is very simple, and deals with the scheming of *Beatrice, Rosaura, Eleanora* and *Colombina* to gain entrance to the Friendship Clubhouse, of which their husbands and lovers are members. Over the door of the club may be seen the motto, "No Women Admitted." Each woman has her own theory as to the doings behind closed doors, and they seek in various ways to gain an entrance. In reality the men are enjoying themselves with simple masculine pleasures, and chuckling over the intense curiosity of their wives and sweethearts.

With the help of *Colombina* and *Arlecchino*, and by luring the keys from the pocket of one of the members, the ladies finally succeed in making an entrance within the sacred walls, and are surprised to find the men enjoying themselves harmlessly at dinner. On being discovered by the husbands they are forgiven, and the evening ends happily with a merry dance.

The Victor offers an air from Act II—the love duet of *Rosaura* and *Florindo*, sung after the former has induced her fiancée to give her the keys.

## Il cor nel contento (My Heart, How it Leaps in Rejoicing)

Farrar and Herman Jadlowker (*Italian*) 88359 12-inch, $3.00

THE GARDEN—ACT III

(Italian)

# DON PASQUALE

*(Don Pahss-quah'-leh)*

## COMIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

**Text and music** by Gaetano Donizetti. Libretto adapted from the older Italian opera *Ser Marc' Antonio,* by Camerano. First presented at the *Théâtre des Italiens,* Paris, on January 4, 1843. First production in Paris, in French, 1864. First London production June 30, 1843. First New York production March 9, 1846, in English, and in 1849 in Italian.

Recently revived at the New Theatre, New York (December 23, 1909), with di Pasquali, Bonci, Scotti and Pini-Corsi; at the Metropolitan with Sembrich, Scotti and Rossi; and at the Boston Opera House with Nielsen, Bourrillon, Antonio Pini-Corsi and Fornari.

### Characters

DON PASQUALE, an old bachelor ..... Bass
DR. MALATESTA, his friend, a physician ..... Baritone
ERNESTO, nephew of Don Pasquale ..... Tenor
NORINA, beloved of Ernesto ..... Soprano
A NOTARY ..... Baritone
Chorus of Valets and Chambermaids, Majordomo, Dressmaker and Hairdresser.

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*Scene and Period: Rome; the beginning of the nineteenth century.*

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This brightest of genuine lyric comedies always appeals to that class of opera-goers who find the present-day comic opera or musical comedy to be cheap, gaudy and lacking in genuine humor. *Don Pasquale* is pure entertainment, nothing else, the true spirit of comedy being found in the music as well as the plot; and both are delightful when the opera is presented by such artists as the Victor has assembled for this series.

## quale

*68010 12-inch, $1.25

I

*on Pasquale's House*

aiting the arrival of *Dr.* to obtain for him a young

## ne O'clock !)

dini

*68273 12-inch, $1.25

s he has found the bride, e charmer. The *Don* is g the lady at once. When es vent to his feelings in

## Fire All Unfelt

dini

*62104 10-inch, $0.75

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BORI AS NORINA—ACT I

s again urged by his uncle to give up *Norina,* whom the u . *Ernesto* refuses, and *Don Pasquale* announces his intentio is nephew. The young man, at first incredulous, is fin earnest and gives way to despair, beginning his first air:

## (Fond Dream of Love)

Tenor (*In Italian*) *62624 10-inch, $

| | |
|---|---|
| o cherish | But now, poor and abandon'd, I, |
| anish! | Reduc'd from my condition high, |
| splendor, | Sooner than thee in misery see, |
| | Dearest, I'll renounce thee. |

*Ernesto* begs him to consult *Dr. Malatesta* for advice, but r himself who proposed the plan and offered his own siste astonished to hear that the *Doctor,* who he thought was

CENE II—*A Room in Norina's House*

ce, and at the beginning of her air quotes from the book:

## s so Soft)

t, Soprano (*In Italian*) *68272 12-inch, $1

e too knows the value of a glance and smile.

## o la virtù magica (I, Too, Thy Magic

prano (*In Italian*) *62103 10-inch, $

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|---|---|
| w, | I know the mode, oh, dear, |
| nder, | Of love's bewitching wiles, |
| ile, | His facile arts and guiles. . . . |
| | To lure with wanton smiles, |
| r, | I know the modes, oh, dear! |

2.

A servant gives her a letter from *Ernesto*, just as the *Doctor* enters and informs her that he has conceived a scheme to force her lover's guardian to consent to the marriage. *Norina* declares she will have nothing to do with it, bidding him to read *Ernesto's* despairing letter, in which the young man tells her he is disinherited and will leave Rome, bidding her a last farewell.

The *Doctor* soothes her, telling her he will induce *Ernesto* to remain, and then reveals the details of the plot against *Don Pasquale*, in which he proposes to play on the vanity of the old bachelor, by pretending to find him a young and lovely wife. They decide that *Norina* shall play the part of this girl, and go through a mock marriage with *Don Pasquale*. *Norina* is delighted and begins to rehearse her new rôle. This takes the form of a charming duet, which ends the first act and which is always greatly admired. Two records of this sprightly duet are cataloged here.

## Pronta io son (My Part I'll Play)

**By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano, and Antonio Scotti, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **89002 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Ernesto Badini, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) ***68272 12-inch, 1.25**

NORINA:
My part I'll play, if not offending
Against my lover's repose and quiet;
Well the plot with me will fare!

DOCTOR:
Our plot but tends, you may believe,
Don Pasquale to deceive.

NORINA:
We're quite agreed, and I'm enlisted.
Would you have me gay or tearful?

DOCTOR:
Listen, and you'll all be told;—
You must play simplicity.

NORINA:
I'll lessons give—leave that to me.
"I'm so confused—I'm young, you know—
Thank you—Your servant,—Yes, sir,—Oh!"

DOCTOR:
Bravo, bravo, capital!
It can't be better—all goes well!

NORINA:
Head turned aside—"Oh fie! oh fie!"

DOCTOR:
Pursed-up mouth—"Ashamed am I."

NORINA:
"I'm quite confus'd, my thoughts take wing—"

DOCTOR:
Oh, clever creature! Just the thing!

BOTH:
Of this old fool, all sense who spurn'd;—
This time the head will be quite turn'd!

The scene is continued in another sprightly duet, which closes the act.

## Vado corro (Haste We!)

**By Giuseppina Huguet and Ernesto Badini** (*Italian*) ***62097 10-inch, $0.75**

### ACT II

SCENE—*A Richly Furnished Hall in Don Pasquale's House*

*Don Pasquale*, in the most youthful of wedding garments, enters and struts up and down, admiring himself, until the *Doctor* arrives with *Norina*, who is closely veiled. She pretends to be shrinking and frightened, and the *Doctor*, beginning a delightfully humorous trio, the first of the concerted numbers in this act, begs her to have courage.

The pretended notary now arrives, and another comical scene ensues as the mock ceremony is performed. *Pasquale*, so much in love that his judgment is clouded, is not only induced to sign over one-half his property to his wife, but agrees that she shall be absolute mistress of the house. As *Norina* is signing, *Ernesto's* voice is heard outside demanding admittance, having come to bid his uncle farewell. He is amazed to see *Norina* posing as the *Doctor's* sister and about to be wedded to his uncle, and tries to interfere, but is restrained by *Malatesta*.

The moment *Norina* affixes her signature to the contract her manner changes, and when *Pasquale* attempts to embrace her she coldly asks him not to be so rude. *Pasquale* is astonished and *Ernesto* laughs, which enrages the old man so that he orders his nephew from the room. *Norina* stops him and says that as *Don Pasquale* is too old, fat and feeble to attend a young wife, she must have a young cavalier to attend her, and signifies that *Ernesto* is her choice. *Don Pasquale* is thunderstruck and attempts to protest, but *Norina* warns him that if her words are not sufficient to keep him in his place she will beat him! This is the last straw, and the bewildered old man stands in a daze, his brain refusing to comprehend what has happened!

This tableau is followed by the quartet, *E rimasto*.

**Double-Faced Record—See page 102.*

## to (He Stands Immovable)

**oprano; Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone;**
**Tenor; Agusto Scipioni, Bass**

(*In Italian*) ***16566 10-inch, $0.**

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To know not if he wakes or dreams!
He's like a man by lightning struck:
No drop of blood runs in his veins.
MALATESTA:
Take heart, Pasquale, my old buck,
Don't be discouraged, use your brains.
NORINA:
Now then, at least, my worthy friend,
You must begin to comprehend.

hen follows, and the curtain always descends amid a gale
*Norina* rings a bell, summoning the servants, and announces t
e house. She orders new servants engaged, two carriag
xpenditures on a lavish scale. *Don Pasquale* attempts to p
oice choked with rage and astonishment begins the finale.

## trayed!)

**, Soprano; Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone;**
**Tenor; Agusto Scipioni, Bass**

(*In Italian*) ***62097 10-inch, $0.**

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ALL (*pointing to Don Pasquale*):
Don Pasquale, poor, dear wight,
Is nearly suffocated quite!
MALATESTA (*to Pasquale*):
You're a little heated, really—
Do go to bed, dear Don Pasquale.
(*To Norina, in a tone of reproof.*)
On my brother-in-law to play
Thus, I'll not endure, I say!
(*To the lovers, who are embracing behind D Pasquale's back.*)
Silly ones, for Heaven's sake, pray,
Don't, I beg, yourselves betray!

### ACT III

***d furniture are piled up dresses, bandboxes, furs, etc., in great p s are running to and fro with bustle and excitement)***

d the confusion, looking with utmost consternation at a hu
down in despair, and as *Norina* approaches resolves to ma
ster in his own house.

## tta (My Lady, Why This Haste?)

**ano, and Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone**

(*In Italian*) ***68273 12-inch, $1.**

**nd is hastening to her carriage when *Don Pasquale* begins:**

ng in such haste,
will inform me?

soon is told:
ivert me.

leave—excuse me
ject to it.

holds his tongue:
no one listens to

:
Madame,—
t I advise you—
his very instant—
y in the house.

(*With great heat.*)
Why, you impertinent!
But there—take what you well deserve,
(*Boxes his ears.*)
PASQUALE:
Ah!
(It is all over with you, Don Pasquale!
All that now remains for you to do
Is quietly to go and drown yourself!)
NORINA:
(I must confess, 'tis rather hard a lesson;
Yet was required to have its due effect.)
(*To Don Pasquale*):
I'm going now, then—
PASQUALE:
Oh, yes, certainly!
But do not take the trouble to return.
NORINA:
Oh, we shall see each other in the morning
PASQUALE:
A face of wood—a closed door, you will fi

.

As she goes out she intentionally drops a note which *Don Pasquale* seizes and peruses. He is petrified to find that it reads:

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BORI AS NORINA—ACT II

"Adored Sophrania—
Between the hours of nine and ten
I shall be at the bottom of the garden—

This is too much, and the unhappy man runs in search of *Malatesta*. *Ernesto* and the *Doctor* enter, discussing the plot, and the young man, after being instructed to be at the garden rendezvous at nine that evening, goes out.

*Pasquale* returns, and going solemnly up to the *Doctor*, exclaims: ' Brother-in-law, in me, alas, you see a dead man, walking upright," and tells him of the contents of the note. *Malatesta* pretends to sympathize and proposes that they lie in wait for the guilty lovers that evening and teach them a severe lesson. *Pasquale* gloats over his coming triumph, and begins the duet.

## Aspetta aspetta cara esposina (Wait, Wait, Dear Little Wife)

**By Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone, and Giovanni Polese, Baritone** *(Double-Faced—See page 102)* *(In Italian)* **62103 10-inch, $0.75**

PASQUALE:
Wait, wait, dear little wife,
I soon reveng'd will be:
E'en now 'tis near, my life.
This night, without delay,
Thou must the reckoning pay!

MALATESTA (*aside*):
Oh, the poor fellow!
Vengeance he's prating;
Let the dolt bellow—
He knows not what's waiting!

SCENE II—*Don Pasquale's Garden—It is Night—Ernesto is Discovered Waiting*

This scene begins with the beautiful *serenade*, the most melodious of the airs in Donizetti's work.

## Serenata—Com' e gentil (Soft Beams the Light)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** *(In Italian)* **85048 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Aristodemo Giorgini, Tenor, and La Scala Chorus** *(In Italian)* **76010 12-inch, 2.00**

ERNESTO:
Oh! summer night, thy tranquil light
Was made for those who shun the busy day,
Who love too well, yet blush to tell
The hopes that led their hearts astray!
All now is still, on dale, on hill,
And none are nigh, with curious eye;
Then why, my love, oh, why delay?
Your lattice open to the starry night,
And with your presence make the world more bright!

*Norina* joins *Ernesto*, and they are reconciled in a duet, *Tell Me Again*. *Pasquale* and the *Doctor*, with dark lanterns, enter softly and hide behind the trees, but the irate old man can contain himself no longer and rushes out to denounce the lovers. *Ernesto* vanishes and *Norina* calmly declares there was no one with her, that she had merely come out to get fresh air. *Pasquale* is so beside himself with rage and chagrin that *Malatesta* considers it time to end the farce, and proposes to rid *Pasquale* of his bride by marrying her to *Ernesto*, revealing that the first marriage was not a real one, and that the lady was not his sister but *Norina*. *Pasquale* is so glad to be rid of such an extravagant termagant that he pardons the deception, consents to the union, and settles an income on the happy pair.

...sorto (A Fire All Unfelt Before)
By Antonio Pini-Corsi and Ernesto Badini (*In Italian*)
), corro (Haste We!) By Emilia Corsi, Soprano, and
nesto Badini, Baritone (*In Italian*) } 6210

nasto la impietrato (He Stands Immovable)
Linda Brambilla, Soprano; Antonio Pini-Corsi,
Baritone; G. Pini-Corsi, Tenor; Scipioni, Bass (*In Italian*)
*ir d'amore—Io sonno ricco (I Have Riches) By Passeri,*
*Soprano; A. Pini-Corsi, Baritone; and Chorus* (*In Italian*) } 1656

.tina—So anch'io lo virtù magica (I, Too, Thy Magic
rtues Know)
By Amelia Pollini, Soprano (*In Italian*)
tta aspetta cara esposina (Wait, Wait, Dear Little
ife) By Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone, and Giovanni
lese, Baritone (*In Italian*) } 6210

o soave e casto (Fond Dream of Love)
By Giuseppe Acerbi, Tenor (*In Italian*)
*st—Coro de soldados (Soldiers' Chorus) La Scala Chorus* } 6262

corro (Haste We) By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano,
Ernesto Badini, Baritone (*In Italian*)
radito By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Antonio
i-Corsi, Baritone; Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor; Agusto
ioni, Bass (*In Italian*) } 6209

(Italian)

# L'ELISIR D'AMORE

*(Ay-lee-zeer' dam-oh'-reh)*

(English)

# THE ELIXIR OF LOVE

## OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Text by Romani. Music by Gaetano Donizetti. First produced in Milan, May 12, 1832; Barcelona, 1833; Paris, 1839; Berlin, 1844. First London production December 10, 1836. First American production at the New Orleans Opera March 30, 1842. Given in Boston in English by the Seguins shortly afterward.

### Cast

ADINA, a wealthy and independent young woman ..... Soprano
NEMORINO, a young peasant, in love with Adina ..... Tenor
BELCORE, sergeant of the village garrison ..... Bass
DOCTOR DULCAMARA, a quack doctor ..... Buffo

A Landlord, a Notary, Peasants, Soldiers, Villagers.

*Scene and Period: A little Italian village; the nineteenth century.*

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This delightful example of Donizetti's work is a real *opéra bouffe*, and while simple and unconventional in plot, it has always been a favorite because of its lovely music.

*Adina*, a lively village beauty and heiress, is loved by a young peasant, *Nemorino*, who although handsome and manly, is afraid to press his suit; but while the beauty treats him rather coolly she is by no means indifferent to him.

## ACT I

SCENE—*The Homestead of Adina's Farm*

*Adina* and her companion are seated under a tree reading. *Nemorino* is near, pensively observing his *innamorata*, and sings his first *Cavatina*.

## Quant'e bella! (Ah! How Lovely)

**By Emilio Perea, Tenor** (*In Italian*) ***62626 10-inch, $0.75**

NEMORINO:
Ah! how lovely! ah! how dear to me!
While I gaze I adore more deeply;
Ah! what rapture that soft bosom
With a mutual flame to move.
But while reading, studying, improving,
She hath learning and every attainment,
While I can nothing do but love!

*Adina* then reads to her friends a legend of a cruel lady who coldly treated a knight who loved her, and only smiled on him when he gave her a love potion. *Nemorino* wishes he could find the receipt for this potent elixir.

Martial music is heard and *Belcore*, a dashing sergeant stationed near the village, appears with a bouquet for *Adina*. She has but few smiles for the military man, which cheers *Nemorino* somewhat, and when *Belcore* departs he renews his suit, but the fair one tells him that it is useless.

A commotion among the villagers is heard, and *Dulcamara*, a quack doctor, comes on the scene, riding in a splendid carriage. He announces his wonderful medicines in a famous song, *Udite, udite o rustici*, always the delight of *buffos*.

## Udite, udite o rustici (Give Ear, Ye Rustics)

**By Antonio Pini-Corsi, Baritone** (*In Italian*) ***68152 12-inch, $1.25**
**By Arcangelo Rossi, Bass** (*In Italian*) ***62626 10-inch, .75**

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 105.*

ıas recited the wonderful effects of his medicines, saying:

DULCAMARA:
I cure the apoplectical,
The asthmatical, the paralytical,
The dropsical, the diuretical,
Consumption, deafness, too,
The rickets and the scrofula—
All evils are at once upset
By this new and fashionable mode!

"Heaven itself must have sent this miraculous doctor to our village!" aside, and asks him if he has an elixir that can awaken love. The that he is the original inventor of the liquid, and soon has *Nemorino's* or the coveted potion, which is in reality a bottle of strong wine. e form of an amusing duet, *Obbligato*.

## igato (Thank You Kindly)

**e Lucia and Ernesto Badini** (*In Italian*) **91079 10-inch, $2.00**

ctor has departed *Nemorino* drinks the elixir, and at once feels a new He begins to sing and dance, and *Adina*, coming in, is astonished to ı so merry. Feeling sure that the potion will bring the lady to his feet, ı her, which piques her so much that when the sergeant arrives and ınsents to wed him in three days. *Nemorino* laughs loudly at this, the lady, and she sets the wedding for that very day. This sobers hat the marriage may take place before the potion works, and he *na* and *Belcore* laugh at him, and the curtain falls as preparations for ı.

### ACT II

SCENE I—*Interior of the Farmhouse*

t is in progress, but the notary has not arrived. *Dulcamara* is present, t duet from Venice, which he asks *Adina* to sing with him.

## u sei bella (I Have Riches, Thou Hast Beauty)

A GERMAN REHEARSAL OF ELISIR D'AMORE

ADINA:
With respect to your elixir,
One more potent, sir, have I—
Through whose virtues Nemorino,
Leaving all, to me will fly!
DULCAMARA (*aside*):
Oh! she's far too wise and cunning;
These girls know even more than I.

Neglected as the opera, as a whole, has been for many years, this lovely romanza, the song which *Nemorino* sings to the tear that stood in his *Adina's* eye, will always keep the opera from being forgotten. This is one of the most famous of the Caruso records, and his exquisite singing of this beautiful number is something to be long remembered.

Down her soft cheek a pearly tear
Stole from her eyelids dark,
Telling their gay and festive cheer,
It pained her soul to mark;
Why then her dear presence fly?
When all her love she is showing?
Could I but feel her beating heart
Pressing against mine own;
Could I my feeling soft impart, and mingle sigh with sigh,
But feel her heart against mine own,
Gladly I then would die,
All her love knowing!

Mr. McCormack's rendition is also a most attractive one. Very few English singers are able to sing an Italian aria in a manner that would be acceptable to Italian audiences, but McCormack is one of these, and his rendering of Donizetti's exquisite air is an example of this mastery of the old school of vocalization.

The crafty *Dulcamara* now suggests to *Adina* that she try the wonderful elixir in order to win back her lover, but she says she needs not such aids.

ADINA:
With a tender look I'll charm him—
With a modest smile invite him—
With a tear or sigh alarm him—
With a fond caress excite him.
Never yet was man so mulish,
That I could not make him yield.
Nemorino's fate's decided!

When *Nemorino* has sung his air *Adina* comes on with the soldier's contract, which she has bought back, and tells him that he must not go away. All misunderstandings are now cleared away, and *Belcore* arrives to find his bride-to-be embracing another. However, he is philosophical and saying, "There are other women!" marches off, while the villagers tell *Adina* and *Nemorino* of the latter's good fortune. The Doctor claims credit for the reconciliation, and the curtain falls as he is relieving the peasants of their wages in return for bottles of his wonderful *Elixir of Love!*

## DOUBLE-FACED L'ELISIR D'AMORE RECORDS

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Udite, udite o rustici (Give Ear, Rustics!)** By A. Pini-Corsi, Baritone (*In Italian*)<br>**Una furtiva lagrima (A Furtive Tear)** By Emilio Perea, Tenor (*In Italian*) | 68152 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Quant'è bella! (Ah, How Lovely!)** By Emilio Perea, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>**Udite, udite o rustici—By Arcangelo Rossi, Bass** (*In Italian*) | 62626 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Io sono ricco e tu sei bella (I Have Riches, Thou Hast Beauty)** By Maria Passeri, Pini-Corsi and Chorus (*Italian*)<br>**Don Pasquale—*Quartet, Act II*** By Linda Brambilla, Pini-Corsi, Gaetano Pini-Corsi and Augusto Scipioni (*In Italian*) | 16566 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Una furtiva lagrima (A Furtive Tear)** By Charles Harrison (*In English*)<br>***Faust—All Hail Thou Dwelling*** *By Charles Harrison (In English)* | 35354 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

SAN CARLO NAPLES

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SCENE FROM ORIGINAL PRODUCTION OF ERMINIE

# ERMINIE

## COMIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

**Text by Claxson Bellamy and Harry Paulton; music by Edward Jakobowski. First production at the Comedy Theatre, London, November 9, 1885. First American production at the Casino, New York, March 10, 1886, where it had the unprecedented run of more than twelve hundred performances at that house alone. The operetta has had a number of successful revivals in recent years.**

### Characters and Original Cast

| | |
|---|---|
| CADEAUX, RAVANNES, two thieves | Francis Wilson<br>W. S. Daboll |
| MARQUIS DE POMVERT | Carl Irving |
| ERMINIE, his daughter | Pauline Hall |
| JAVOTTE | Marie Jansen |
| EUGENE MARCEL, the Marquis' secretary | Harry Pepper |
| CHEVALIER DE BRABAZON, Marquis' guest | Max Freeman |
| CERISE MARCEL, Eugene's sister | Marion Manola |
| PRINCESS DE GRAMPONEUR | Jennie Weathersby |
| VICOMTE DE BRISSAC | C. L. Weeks |

Sergeant, Soldiers, Peasants, Acrobats, Clowns, Lords, Ladies, etc.

*Time and Place: France; the last century.*

The story of Erminie is founded on an old melodrama, "Robert Macaire," by Selby, and the opera has been as popular as was the play in its time. Though Jakobowski has produced other operas—"Paolo," "The Three Beggars," "Dick," "Mynheer Jan" and "A Venetian Singer"—none has approached the great success of Erminie.

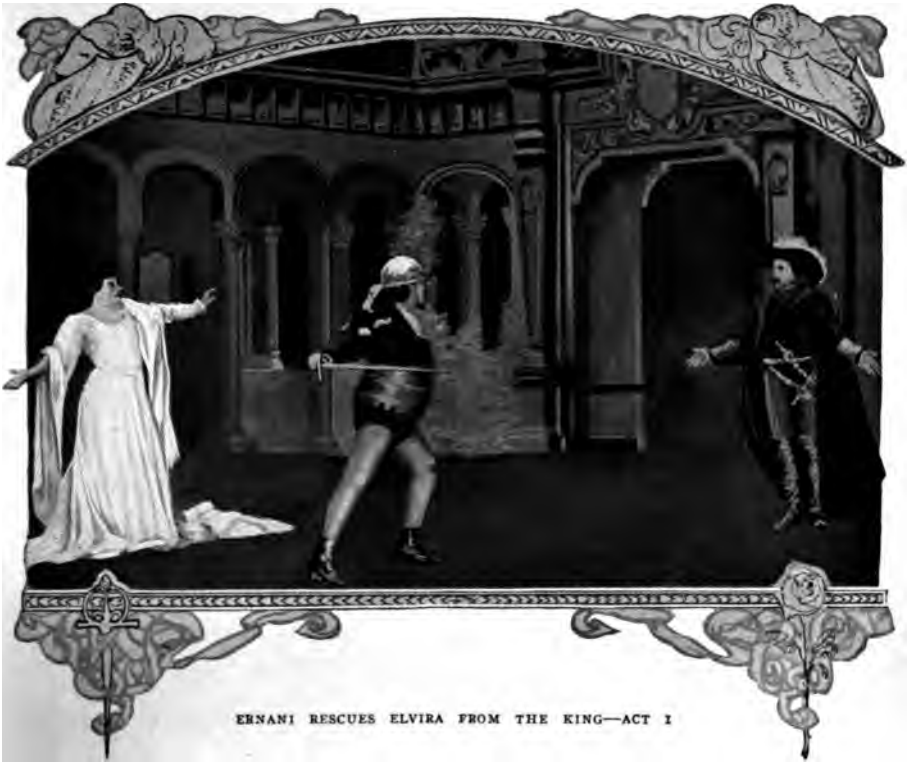
At the opening of the opera *Ernst de Brissac*, a young nobleman, is on his way to the home of his prospective fiancée, *Erminie*, whom he has never seen. At a turn of the road he is attacked by two clever thieves, *Ravannes* and *Cadeaux*, who tie him to a tree and carry

**ns from "Erminie"**
Opening Chorus, "A Soldier's Life"—Solo and Chorus, "When Love is Young All the World is Gay"—Chorus, "Join in the Pleasure"—Solo, "What the Dicky Bird Says"—Chorus, "Lullaby"—Chorus, "Deign to Cheer Each Heart"—Solo and Chorus, "Marriage is a Holy Union"—Finale, "Away to the Chateau"
**By the Victor Light Opera Company** — 3545

*ns from "Florodora"* — *By the Victor Light Opera Company*

**by**
*ssage of the Violet*
**By Elsie Baker, Contralto** — *By Olive Kline, Soprano* — 1734

**Night Quartet**
*t Heart Throbs (Bell Solo)*
**By Victor Brass Quartet** — *By Wm. H. Reitz* — 1723



ERNANI RESCUES ELVIRA FROM THE KING—ACT I

(Italian)
# ERNANI
(*Ayr-nah'-nee*)

(French)
# HERNANI
(*Her-nah'-nee*)

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

**Libretto** adapted by Maria Piave; from Victor Hugo's drama "Hernani"; music by **Giuseppe** Verdi. First production in Venice, March 9, 1844. First London production at **Her Majesty's** Theatre, March 8, 1845. First New York production, 1846, at the Astor Place. **First New Orleans** production April 13, 1858. At its Paris production, January 6, 1846, the **libretto was** altered at Victor Hugo's request, the characters being made Italians and the **name of** the opera changed to *Il Proscritto.*

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### Cast of Characters

DON CARLOS, King of Spain . . . . . Baritone
DON RUY GOMEZ DE SILVA, a Grandee of Spain . . . . . Bass
ERNANI, a bandit chief . . . . . Tenor
DON RICCARDO, an esquire of the King . . . . . Tenor
IAGO, (*Ee-ah'-goh*) an esquire of Don Silva . . . . . Bass
ELVIRA, (*El-vee'-rah*) betrothed to Don Silva . . . . . Soprano
GIOVANNA, (*Jeoh-vah'-nah*) in attendance upon her . . . . . Mezzo-Soprano

**Chorus of mountaineers** and bandits, followers of *Don Silva*, ladies of *Elvira*, followers of **the King**, Spanish and German nobles and ladies, electors and pages.

*Scene and Period: Aragon; about 1519.*

## ACT I

SCENE I—*The Mountains of Aragon*

ady of rank, is about to be married to the elderly *Don Gomez de Silva*, *Ernani*, a bandit chief (in reality John of Aragon, become a brigand confiscated), loves *Elvira* and resolves to prevent this unwelcome cene shows a mountain pass where *Ernani's* men are encamped.

### (Comrades, Let's Drink and Play)

ıorus (*In Italian*) *35168 12-inch, $1.25

vith this spirited chorus of bandits and mountaineers, who are drinking ıtronghold. With reckless satisfaction in their lot they sing:

"What matters to the bandit
If hunted and branded
So wine be his share!"

*Ernani*, their chief, appears on a neighboring height with a melancholy brow. His men remark at his gloomy appearance, and he tells them that he is powerless to prevent the marriage of his betrothed to the aged *Silva* on the morrow. He describes the peerless *Elvira* in a fine aria, The Sweetest Flow'r.

### Come rugiada al cespite
### (The Sweetest Flow'r)

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ELVIRA'S APARTMENT—ACT I

## Ernani involami (Ernani, Fly with Me)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano** | *(In Italian)* | **88022** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Frieda Hempel, Soprano** | *(In Italian)* | **88383** | **12-inch,** | **3.00** |
| **By Maria Grisi, Soprano** | *(In Italian)* | ***63173** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |

**In this beautiful but despairing number she calls on her lover to save her, singing:**

Ernani, fly with me;
Prevent this hated marriage!
With thee, e'en the barren desert
Would seem an Eden of enchantment!

Three brilliant renditions of this famous number are given—by Mme. Sembrich and Mme. Hempel; and by Mme. Grisi, of La Scala.

*Elvira's* ladies-in-waiting now enter, bringing her wedding gifts, and in the graceful chorus with which this record begins, congratulate her.

## Quante d'Iberia giovani (Noble Hispania's Blood)

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| **By Ida Giacomelli and La Scala Chorus** | *(In Italian)* | ***16567** | **10-inch,** | **$0.75** |

She thanks them, saying: "Each kindly wish awakes a response in my own heart"; then sings, aside, a second number, "*Tutto sprezzo che d'Ernani,*" in which she tells of her hope of rescue. The chorus joins in the concluding strain.

## Da quel di che t'ho veduta (From the Day when First Thy Beauty)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **By Angela de Angelis, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone** | *(In Italian)* | ***35168** | **12-inch,** | **$1.25** |

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 117.*

e greatest scenes in the opera. *Elvira,* who has left the r
amazed to discover in her boudoir the King, who has b
appeals to his honor, saying:

"In pity, sire, leave me!"

e dramatic dialogue between *Carlos* and *Elvira. Carlos* t
*"Da quel di"* leading up to a dramatic duet, which conclu

## ou Art Ernani!)

ez-Patti and Pignataro (*Italian*) ***16568 10-inch, $(**

*Elvira's* resistance, is about to carry her away by force.
belt and cries: "Go, or with this dagger I will slay us bo
n his guard, when suddenly a secret panel door opens
izes him and exclaims: "Thou art Ernani, the assassin
io which follows the rivals declare their hatred, while *El*
protect her lover.

## (Unhappy One!)

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| ass | (*In Italian*) | **74008** | **12-inch, $1** |
| a. Bass | (*In Italian*) | ***55007** | **12-inch. 1** |
| . Bass | (*In Italian*) | ***63421** | **10-inch,** |

ling tableau now appears *Silva,* who does not recognize
stounded to find two rivals in the apartments of his fu
ession. He summons his squires and soldiers, then addre
es her in this well-known and impressive *Infelice,* one of
Three records of this favorite number are available—
y Sillich.

is unable to give satisfactory English translations for the
ost of the available translations of *Ernani* are so distorte
to be almost meaningless. The few extracts which
given have been revised and made somewhat i
ligible. "Opera in English," about which we hea
much nowadays, cannot be permanently succe
without new translations for some of the older w
For instance, here is a specimen translation of the
of this very air of *Infelice:*

Ah, to win, to win back summer's blossom
In my breast were tho't too gainless,
Winter lords it within this my bosom.
Far congealing, far congealing to the core,
Far congealing unto the core,
Far congealing unto the core.
Winter lords it in this bosom.
Far congealing, far congealing to the core,
Unto the core, congealing unto the core!

Now anyone who can tell just what this mea
certainly a highly gifted individual!

In this connection, however, it should be s
that several American music publishers are entitle
praise for their efforts to improve opera translati
especially G. Schirmer, with many beautiful new
tions of the older operas and collections of opera
and Oliver Ditson Company, whose Musicians' Lib
a splendid piece of music typography, contains m
new translations. The editor of this catalogue i
debted to both these firms for permission to q
from their new translations.

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## Vedi come il buon vegliardo (Well I Knew My Trusty Vassal)

**By Maria Grisi, Soprano; Carlo Ottoboni, Bass; Remo Sangiorgi, Tenor; and Giuseppi Sala, Baritone** (*In Italian*) ***35169 12-inch, $1.25**

Having reproached his bride for her supposed treachery, *Silva* thinks of vengeance, and calling for his armor and a sword, demands that the intruders follow him to combat. Before they can reply, the King's squires enter and salute their sovereign. The astounded *Silva*, though secretly enraged, kneels to his King, saying: "Duty to my King cancels all offences." The great finale then begins with *Carlos'* solo, sung aside to his squires:

"Well I knew my trusty vassal
Fierce in hate, in passion tender
Would his wrath and love surrender
In the presence of his King."

This is one of the most impressive records of the Ernani series.

## Finale, Act I

**By Maria Grisi, Soprano; Carlo Ottoboni, Bass; Remo Sangiorgi, Tenor; and Giuseppi Sala, Baritone** (*In Italian*) ***16568 10-inch, $0.75**

The finale to Act I is continued in this record. The situation at the close of the act may be understood by these quotations from the words the librettist has given to the various characters:

CARLOS (*to Ernani*):
I will save thee!
(*Aloud to Silva*):
Let this trusty friend depart.
ERNANI:
I thy friend? Never! unto death my vengeance will pursue thee!
ELVIRA:
Fly, Ernani, let love teach thee prudence!
CARLOS:
Power, dominion and love's delights,
All these are mine—all my will must obey!
SILVA:
From my eyes a veil has fallen . . .
I can scarce believe my senses!
COURTIERS:
Well doth Silva hide his anger
But within it still doth smolder!

*Ernani* yields to *Elvira's* pleadings and in the confusion makes his escape. The curtain falls on an impressive tableau.

### ACT II

SCENE—*A Hall in Silva's Castle*

After his escape from the castle, nothing has been seen of *Ernani*. *Elvira* believes the rumors of his death and despairingly consents to wed *Don Silva*.

## Esultiam (Day of Gladness)

**By La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***16569 10-inch, $0.75**

The first scene of Act II occurs in a magnificent hall in the castle. The company of knights and pages of *Silva*, and ladies in attendance on *Elvira* sing the opening chorus in praise of the noble *Silva* and his peerless bride.

## Oro quant' oro (I am the Bandit Ernani)

**By Maria Bernacchi, Soprano; Luisi Colazza, Tenor; and Torres de Luna, Bass** (*In Italian*) ***16569 10-inch, $0.75**

*Silva*, attired as a Grandee, enters. His squire, *Jago*, announces a holy man, who craves the hospitality of the castle. *Ernani*, disguised as a pilgrim, enters, then throws off his disguise and exclaims, beginning this fine trio:

"I am the bandit Ernani . . . My men are dead or in chains . . . My enemies are without the castle . . . Seize me and deliver me up, for I am weary of life!"

*Silva*, however, refuses to betray one whom he has received as a guest. The trio, which is one of the great scenes of the opera, then follows.

## La vedremo, o veglio audace (I Will Prove, Audacious Greybeard)

**By Ernesto Caronna, Baritone, and Torres de Luna, Bass** (*In Italian*) ***16570 10-inch, $0.75**

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 117.*

## OK OF THE OPERA—VERDI'S ERNANI

CASTLE OF SILVA—ACT III

revenge is accomplished, *Ernani* agrees to yield his life at *Silva's* call, and gives him a hunting horn which shall be the signal for his (*Ernani's*) death. For this magnificent number Verdi has written some of his most dramatic music.

## In arcion, cavalieri (To Horse, Ye Warriors)

**By Giuseppi Sala, Tenor; Cesare Preve, Baritone; and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) *16571 10-inch, $0.75

The act closes with the spirited duet and chorus by *Ernani, Silva* and the warriors of the Don, who prepare to pursue the King to the death.

THE TOMB OF CHARLEMAGNE—ACT IV

### ACT III

SCENE—*A Vault in Aix-la-Chapelle Cemetery*

## O de' verd' anni miei (Oh Bright and Fleeting Shadows)

**By Mario Ancona, Baritone** (*In Italian*) 88062 12-inch, $3.00

The third act occurs in the Tomb of Charlemagne at Aix-la-Chapelle. *Carlos* conceals himself in the tomb of his ancestor to witness the meeting of the conspirators who are plotting against him. He is depressed and melancholy, and sings this famous *O de verd,* in which he pledges himself to better deeds should the Electors, then in session, proclaim him Emperor.

## Si ridesti il leon di Castiglia (Rouse the Lion of Castile)

**By La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) *16571 10-inch, $0.75

The conspirators, among whom are *Ernani* and *Silva,* assemble at the tomb. *Ernani* is chosen to assassinate *Carlos,* and greets the decision with joy, exclaiming that his dead father will at last be avenged. The great ensemble then follows.

## O sommo Carlo (Oh, Noble Carlos)

**By Mattia Battistini, Baritone; Emilia Corsi, Soprano; Luigi Colazza, Tenor; Aristodemo Sillich, Bass; and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) 92046 12-inch, $3.00

**By Maria Grisi, Remo Sangiorgi, Francesco Cigada and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) *35170 12-inch, 1.25

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 117.*

## OK OF THE OPERA—VERDI'S ERNANI

:annon having announced that *Carlos* is proclaimed Emperor, he comes
rprises the conspirators. At the same time the Electors and the King's
secret door. *Carlos* condemns the plotters to death, when *Elvira* rushes
ercy. The Emperor heeds her, pardons them all, and unites *Elvira*
'eat finale all glorify the Emperor except *Silva*, who still secretly cries

his own hunting horn, which he had given to *Silva* as a pledge to die when the revengeful Don should demand his life. The distracted *Elvira* pleads with *Silva* for her husband, but in vain. After an affecting farewell *Ernani* fulfills his vow, stabs himself and dies, while *Elvira* falls lifeless on his body. The curtain falls as the cruel and remorseless *Silva* is gloating over his terrible revenge.

## DOUBLE-FACED ERNANI RECORDS

| | | | |
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| **Infelice e tu credevi** By Perelló de Segurola, Bass<br>*Puritani—Sorgea la notte By Perelló de Segurola, Bass (In Italian)* | 55007 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| **Ferna, crudel** By Maria Bernacchi, Soprano; Luigi Colazza, Tenor; and Torres de Luna, Bass *(In Italian)*<br>**O sommo Carlo** By Maria Grisi, Soprano; Remo Sangiorgi, Tenor; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; and Chorus *(Italian)* | 35170 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Ernani Selection** By Pryor's Band<br>*Meistersinger—Prize Song By Victor Sorlin, 'Cellist* | 35111 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **A te scegli, seguimi** By Luigi Colazza, Tenor, and Torres de Luna, Bass *(In Italian)*<br>**Vedi come il buon vegliardo** By Maria Grisi, Soprano; Remo Sangiorgi, Tenor; Giuseppi Sala, Tenor; and Carlo Ottoboni, Bass *(In Italian)* | 35169 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Beviam, beviam** By La Scala Chorus *(In Italian)*<br>**Da quel di che t'ho veduta** By Angela de Angelis, Soprano, and Francesco Cigada, Baritone *(In Italian)* | 35168 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **O tu che l'alma adora** By Martinez-Patti, Tenor, and Chorus *(In Italian)*<br>**Quante d'Iberia giovani** By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano, and Chorus *(In Italian)* | 16567 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Finale, Act I** By Maria Grisi, Soprano; Carlo Ottoboni, Bass; Remo Sangiorgi, Tenor; and Giuseppi Sala, Tenor<br>**Tu se' Ernani** By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano; Martinez-Patti, Tenor; and Enrico Pignataro, Baritone *(In Italian)* | 16568 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Esultiam!** By La Scala Chorus *(In Italian)*<br>**Oro quant' oro** By Maria Bernacchi, Soprano; Luigi Colazza, Tenor; and Torres de Luna, Bass *(In Italian)* | 16569 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **La vedremo** By Ernesto Caronna, Baritone, and Torres de Luna, Bass *(In Italian)*<br>**Vieni meco** By Maria Grisi, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; Carlo Ottoboni, Bass; and Chorus *(In Italian)* | 16570 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **In arcion, cavalieri!** By Giuseppi Sala, Tenor; Cesare Preve, Bass; and Chorus *(In Italian)*<br>**Si ridesti il leon di Castiglia** By La Scala Chorus *(Italian)* | 16571 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Festa da ballo "O come felici"** By La Scala Chorus *(In Italian)*<br>*Hamlet—O vin, discaccia la tristezza By Francesco Cigada, Baritone, and Chorus (In Italian)* | 16572 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Ernani involami (Ernani, Fly with Me)** By Maria Grisi, Soprano *(In Italian)*<br>*Ballo in Maschera—O Figlio d' Inghilterra By Huguet, Salvador, Cigada, Sillich, and Chorus (In Italian)* | 63173 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Infelice e tu credevi (Unhappy One!)** By Aristodemo Sillich, Bass *(In Italian)*<br>*Manon—Oh, Manon, sempre la stressa By Giorgio Malesci, Tenor (In Italian)* | 63421 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Come rugiada al cespite** By Luigi Colazza *(In Italian)*<br>**O tu che l'alma adora** By Martinez-Patti, Tenor, and Chorus *(In Italian)* | 62627 | 10-inch, | .75 |

SCENE—ACT IV

(Italian)

# FALSTAFF

(*Fahl'-stahf*)

## ʌIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Shakespeare's comedy, *The Merry Wives of Windsor.* Mu
Milan, March, 1893. First Berlin production June 1, 18
ɔs Aires, July 9, 1893; Paris, April 18, 1894. First Lonc
.der the management of Sir Augustus Harris. First No
Metropolitan Opera House, New York, February 4, 1895, w
ussan and Campanari, under the direction of Maurice Gr
ı 1896, after which it was not heard again at the Metropoli
ri was the only member of the original cast to appear in
Scotti, Destinn, Alda, Gay and Ranzenberg.

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**Characters and Original Metropolitan Cast**

SIR JOHN FALSTAFF.....Baritone.....Ma
FENTON, a young gentleman.....Tenor....Russit
FORD, a wealthy burgher.....Baritone...Campa
DR. CAIUS, a physician.....Tenor .....Va
BARDOLFO, } followers of Falstaff... {Tenor ....Rinal
PISTOLA, } {Bass .....Nicc
MRS. ALICE FORD.....Soprano .....Ea
NANETTA, her daughter.....Soprano...de Lus
MRS. QUICKLEY .....Contralto.....Sca
MRS. MEG PAGE.....Mezzo-Soprano....de Vi

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It was the youthful dream of the great composer, Ve
to write a comic opera, but it was not until he was near
eighty years of age that his dream was realized. The mu
of *Falstaff* denotes in all things almost the antithesis of
style and methods and ideals of Verdi's early operas.
music is vivacious and sparkling, being interspersed w
delightful fragments of melody.

*Sir John Falstaff* is a merry rogue, so conceited as to
l womankind. His egotism leads him to think he has fa
*Mistress Alice Ford,* and he writes each of the ladies a love le
ɔ women compare the notes and plan to punish the Knight
such terms of affection.
lvances to his wife and flies into a jealous rage. *Mistress F*
*ohn* with an invitation to call, which he is quick to acc
*rd's* house than *Dame Quickley* reports the coming of *Mist*

*Page*, and *Falstaff* is compelled to hide behind a screen. Then the angry *Ford* appears with his friends, determined to capture *Falstaff*, but the latter takes refuge in a clothes basket. *Mistress Ford* has the basket thrown into the ditch, and the unlucky suitor receives a good shaking-up before the jeering crowd.

*Falstaff*, undaunted by his basket experience, arranges to meet *Lady Ford* again, the trysting place this time being at Herne's Oak, in Windsor Park. *Ford* and his men, including *Pistola* and *Bardolfo*, who have turned against *Falstaff* because of his bad treatment of them, overhear the arrangements and plan to be there also. Now, *Ford's* daughter, *Nanetta*, is in love with *Fenton*, but her father demands that she marry *Dr. Caius*. *Ford* tells the doctor that this is a good time for him to secure *Nanetta*, and promises to aid him. *Dame Quickley*, however, learns of this, and the women plan to have *Fenton* spoil the designs of the physician.

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FALSTAFF GETS IN THE BASKET—ACT II

GEBLACK

SCOTTI AS FALSTAFF

*Falstaff's* love scene with *Mistress Ford* is interrupted by *Ford's* friends, disguised as elves and fairies, who thrash the fat knight soundly. In the confusion *Dr. Caius* mistakes *Bardolfo* for *Nanetta*, *Ford* is finally won over, and his daughter and *Fenton* are happily married.

The Victor offers a very fine record of one of the best known airs from the opera: the *Quand' ero paggio*, sung by *Falstaff* to *Mistress Alice Ford* in Act II.

JADLOWKER AS FENTON

*Falstaff* here boasts of the days when he was a dashing gallant, slender of form, handsome as a picture, and hints that much of this charm still remains, after which he attempts to make love to *Alice*.

## Quand' ero paggio (When I Was Page)

**By Antonio Scotti, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **88194 12-inch, $3.00**

# FAUST

(*Fowst*)

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

Words by Barbier and Carre, founde
Goethe's tragedy. Music by Charles C
First produced at the *Théâtre Lyrique*
March 19, 1859. First performance ir
at the Royal Opera, January 1863. Fi
formance in London June 11, 1863;
York November 26, 1863, at the Acad
Music, with Kellogg, Mazzoleni,
and Yppolito. In New Orleans No
12, 1866.

Some famous American proc
were in 1883, with Nilsson, Scalc
Campanini; and the same year w
dica (début) as *Marguerite*; in 18
Eames, the de Reszkes and
and recently with Caruso and Far

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### Characters

FAUST (*Fowst*) . . . . . .
MEPHISTOPHELES (*Mef-iss-tof'-el-leez*
VALENTINE (*Val'-en-teen*) . . . . . .E
BRANDER, or WAGNER . . . . . .E
SIEBEL (*See'-bel*) . . . . . .Mezzo-S
MARGUERITE (*Mahr-guer-eet'*) . . . .S
MARTHA . . . . . .C

Students, Soldiers, Villager
Sorcerers, Spirits.

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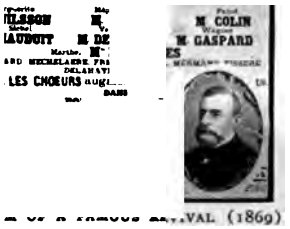
*The action takes place in Germ*

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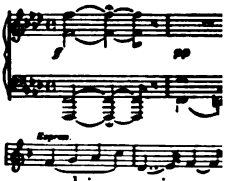
**The story is familiar to almos but briefly sketched here. The l Carre does not attempt to follow merely makes use of the *Faust-M* is sufficient, however, to provide subject for Gounod's lovely music.**

## lude to Faust

**By L'Orchestre Symphonique, Paris** **5**

**The prelude to Faust is a short one, merely giving a clue to t**
**v. The fateful single note of the full**
**estra with which it opens and the mysteri-**
**chromatic chords stealing in from the**
**s form a fitting introduction to a drama**
**ch unusual portent.**




**The tempo is then accelerated and a pas-**
**suggesting *Faust's* mental struggles leads**
**lovely melody in F major (*Dio possente*).**
**prelude closes with sustained chords, solemn and impressive.**

### ACT I—The Compact

The first act reveals the studio of *Faust,* an aged philosopher surrounded by musty parchment rolls and the rude scientific ap ry. The fitful light of an expiring lamp is a symbol of the des *Faust,* as after a lifetime spent in the pursuit of learning, he ttle of true knowledge. Tired of the struggle, he resolves to e ght, and raises the goblet to his lips; but pauses as the songs o through the open window. He goes to the window, and fille

FAUST:
Foolish echoes of human gladness,
Go by, pass on your way!
(*His hand trembles.*)
Goblet so often drained by my father's hand so steady,
Why now dost thou tremble in mine?

CHORUS OF REAPERS (*without*):
Cometh forth, ye reapers, young and hoary!
The earth is proud with harvest glory!
Rejoice and pray.

FAUST:
If I pray there is none to hear—
To give me back my love,
Its believing and its glow.
Accurst be all ye thoughts of earthly pleasure!
Fond dreams of hope! ambitions high,
And their fulfillment so rare!
Accurst, my vaunted learning,
And forgiveness and prayer!
Infernal king, appear!
(*Mephistopheles appears.*)

SEELIGG FAUST DREAMS OF YOUTH AND BEAUTY

Then follows the delicate passage for strings which accompanies the vision. *Faust*, gazing rapturously on the beautiful *Marguerite*, sings:

The scroll is signed in letters of fire, *Faust* drains the magic potion and is transformed into a youth. The spirited duet which follows, ends the first act.

PLANÇON AS MEPHISTOPHELES

*Mephistopheles*, attired in the dress of a gallant, promptly appears in response to the call and proposes that the good Doctor shall enter into a compact with him. In return for riches, glory, power, anything he desires, *Faust* shall merely give up his soul! The aged philosopher, spurning gold or power, cries out for youth, only youth!

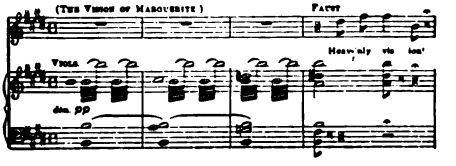
## Io voglio il piacer (The Pleasures of Youth)

**By Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor; Aristodemo Sillich, Bass**
(*In Italian*) ***63174 10-in., $0.75**

The bargain is soon agreed upon and *Faust* is about to pledge his soul in return for youth and love, but as he still hesitates, *Mephisto* says, "See how fair youth invites you! Look!"

## O merveille (Heavenly Vision)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Marcel Journet, Bass**
(*In French*) **89039 12-in., $4.00**




*Double-Faced Record—See page 144.

MATRONS:
Only see the brazen creatures
With the men at play;
Had the latter choice in features,
They would turn this way!

SOLDIERS:
Long live the soldier,
The soldier gay!
Be it ancient city, be it maiden pretty,
Both must fall our prey!

Here *Valentine*, the brother of *Marguerite*, is found among the crowd of soldiers just about to depart for the war, and he sings the noble *Dio possente*, a farewell to his sister and his home.

## Dio possente (Even the Bravest Heart)

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| By Antonio Scotti, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 88203 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 88174 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Titta Ruffo, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 92043 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Francesco Cigada (*Double-faced—See page 144*) | (*Italian*) | 68275 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

In the preceding recitative he speaks of his fears in leaving his sister *Marguerite* alone, and contemplates with affection the amulet she has given him to bring good fortune.

VALENTINE:
Dear gift of my sister,
Made more holy by her pray'r.
However great the danger,
There's naught can do me harm,
Protected by this charm!

The familiar "Cavatina" then follows:

Even bravest heart may swell,
In the moment of farewell,
Loving smile of sister kind,
Quiet home I leave behind;
Oft shall I think of you,
Whene'er the wine-cup passes 'round,
When alone my watch I keep
And my comrades lie asleep
Upon the tented battleground.
But when danger to glory shall call me,
I still will be first in the fray,
As blithe as a knight in his bridal array,
Careless what fate may befall me,
When glory shall call me.
Oft shall I sadly think of you
When far away, far away.

COPY'T DUPONT
JOURNET AS MEPHISTO

This *Dio possente* was not in the original production of the opera, but was written by Gounod especially for Santley in the English production at Her Majesty's Theatre, 1864.

The Victor offers a wide choice to buyers of this fine "Cavatina." Scotti's *Valentine* is always a revelation in dramatic possibilities. This rôle, too often allotted to a mediocre artist, is filled by him with dignity; and he makes a serious and soldierly *Valentine*, singing the music with admirable richness of tone and beauty of expression.

Although Mr. de Gogorza has not sung the number in opera, it is frequently seen on his concert programs, and he sings it superbly. Other fine renditions in Italian are the ones by Ruffo, the famous Italian baritone, who has made such a success in this country, and Cigada, a well-known European baritone, who has not yet visited America.

## Le veau d'or (The Calf of Gold)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Pol Plançon, Bass | (*In French*) | 81038 | 10-inch, | $2.00 |
| By Marcel Journet, Bass | (*In French*) | 64036 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

We are now in the full bustle of the Fair Scene, where in front of an inn a crowd of drinkers are listening to one of their number, *Wagner*, singing a somewhat coarse ditty concerning a rat. *Mephistopheles* breaks in upon the revelers, and offers to sing a song of his own, "The Song of the Golden Calf." After the diabolically suggestive introduction by the orchestra, with its semi-quavers and descending chromatics, we hear the bold opening passage of this anthem in praise of Mammon, of which the calf is symbolic.

MEPHISTOPHELES:
Calf of Gold! aye in all the world
To your mightiness they proffer,
Incense at your fane they offer
From end to end of all the world.
And in honor of the idol
Kings and peoples everywhere
To the sound of jingling coins
Dance with zeal in festive circle,
Round about the pedestal,
Satan, he conducts the ball!
Calf of Gold, strongest god below!
To his temple overflowing
Crowds before his vile shape bowing,
As they strive in abject toil,
As with souls debased they circle
Round about the pedestal,
Satan, he conducts the ball!

Two renditions of this effective bass song are offered by the Victor. Plançon's rendition is a spirited one, the number always being sung by him with a full appreciation of its caustic raillery. Journet's record is also a splendid one, and shows the magnificent voice of this artist to great advantage.

*Mephistopheles* now proceeds to astonish the company by his feats of magic, first reading their palms and then drawing wine from the barrel of Bacchus—the inn sign perched up aloft—each man drawing the wine he likes the best. The scene which follows, a most dramatic one, is effectively given by Amato

*Valentine*, however, turns the handle upwards, thus making the Sign of the Cross, the soldiers doing likewise, and they now face the Tempter with confidence.

VALENTINE AND SOLDIERS:
'Gainst the powers of evil our arms assailing,
Strongest earthly might must be unavailing.
VALENTINE:
But know thou art powerless to harm us!
VALENTINE:
Look hither!
(*Holds up his sword to form a cross.*)
SOLDIERS (*imitating him*):
Look hither!
ALL:
Whilst this blest sign we wear
Thou canst not harm us!
Whilst this blest sign we wear
Thou canst not harm us!

*Mephistopheles* is discomfited, and cowers in terror as the soldiers sing the choral, with its striking unison passage for male voices, alternated with bursts of harmony.

This is a remarkably fine reproduction, the men's voices being rich and sonorous, and the dramatic feeling intense.

The delightful waltz, which has been a model of its kind ever since the first performance of Faust, now begins.

PHOTO BYRON MEETING OF MARGUERITE AND FAUST—ACT II

## Waltz from Kermesse Scene

**By Pryor's Band** (*Double-Faced—See page 144*) **16552 10-inch, $0.75**

**This favorite number is played by the band with the absolute precision and daintiness which are indispensable to its proper performance.**

***Faust*** **now observes** ***Marguerite*** **and approaching her, greets her respectfully, offering his escort.**

FAUST:
High-born and lovely maid,
Forgive my humble duty,
Let me, your willing slave,
Attend you home to-day?

**She modestly declines, saying:**

**MARGUERITE:**
**No, my lord, not a lady am I,**
**Nor yet a beauty;**
**And do not need an arm,**
**To help me on my way.**
FAUST (*gazing after her*):
By my youth! what a charm!
She knows not of her beauty.
Oh! darling child, I love thee!

**The waltz now re-commences and the act ends in a wild and exciting dance, in which all join—students, soldiers and women.**

OK OF THE OPERA—GOUNOD'S FAUST

But the happy thought occurs to him to dip his fingers in the font of holy water by the side of the cottage. He does so, and is delighted to find the spell broken. The first strain then reappears, closing the aria.

This popular number is offered in Italian by Homer and Zaccaria and in English by Miss Morgan.

## Salut demeure (All Hail, Thou Dwelling)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **By Enrico Caruso** | *(In French)* | **88003** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By John McCormack** | *(In Italian)* | **74220** | **12-inch,** | **1 50** |
| **By George Hamlin** | *(In English)* | **74139** | **12-inch,** | **1.50** |
| **By Charles Harrison** | *(In English)* | ***35354** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |

***Mephistopheles*** and *Faust,* who have been secretly watching ***Siebel,*** now appear; the Tempter being in high spirits at the apparent success of his schemes, while *Faust* gazes in rapture at the garden where his beloved one is wont to walk, and sings his lovely ***cavatina.*** He thus rhapsodizes the modest dwelling of *Marguerite:*

All hail, thou dwelling pure and lowly!
Home of an angel fair and holy,
What wealth is here, what wealth outbidding gold,
Of peace and love, and innocence untold!
Bounteous Nature!
'Twas here by day thy love was taught her,
Here thou didst with care overshadow thy daughter
In her dream of the night!
Here, waving tree and flower
Made her an Eden-bower of beauty and delight.

COPY'T BURR M'INTOSH
CARUSO AS FAUST

KELLING FAUST AND MEPHISTOPHELES ENTERING MARGUERITE'S GARDEN

The Caruso record of this number, which the tenor sings in French, is one of the finest in his entire list; while the rendition in Italian by McCormack is a splendid one. Two noteworthy renditions in English are also offered by Hamlin and Harrison.

While *Faust* is singing his apostrophe to *Marguerite's* dwelling, *Mephistopheles,* with an eye to more practical things, has replaced *Siebel's* humble nosegay with a splendid bouquet, a more fitting accompaniment to the casket of jewels with which *Marguerite* is to be tempted.

*Marguerite* enters the garden, pensively dreaming of the handsome stranger she had met in the market place. Her entrance is announced on the clarinets and violins in a lovely strain suggesting the coming song.

She seats herself at the spinning wheel and murmurs dreamily:

I wish I could but know who was he that addressed me;
If he was noble—or at least what his name is. . . .

## Le Roi de Thule (Ballad of the King of Thulé)

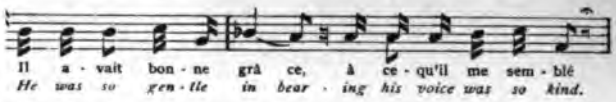
**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano**
**(*French*) 88229 12-in., $3.00**

**Double-Faced Record—See page 144.*

herself for her idle fancies, she applies herself to her spinning and *chanson :*

"Once there was a king in Thulé
Who was until death always faithful,
And in memory of his loved one
Caused a cup of gold to be made."

its return to *Faust,* and breaking off the song, she sings as if to herself:




with her wandering mind, she finishes

gs this beautiful folk-song with sur-
voice, and in the dreamy sentimental
es.

n no humor to spin, *Marguerite* moves
d sees the flowers, which she stops to
n from *Siebel*. The box of jewels then
after some misgivings she opens it.
ght and sparkling "Jewel Song," or *Air*
hildish glee and virginal coquettishness
sed.

hat brilliant gems!
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ny sleep did I dream of aught

d *Marguerite.*

(Jewel Song)

## Quartet—Seigneur Dieu! (Saints Above, What Lovely Gems!)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano; Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Marcel Journet, Bass; and Mme. Gilibert, Mezzo-Soprano**

*(In French)* **95204 12-inch, $5.00**

A FAMOUS CAST OF 1863—PATTI, FAURE AND DI CANDIA

The first of the great quartet records begins with the entrance of *Martha*, a susceptible matron who is companion to the motherless girl. The duenna is struck with astonishment at the sight of the jewels, and begins to question *Marguerite*, when she is interrupted by *Mephistopheles*, who appears with *Faust;* and to excuse his entrance tells *Martha* that her husband is dead. This announcement is received with cries of grief and sympathy from the women, and the impressive pause which ensues is followed by the beautiful quartet, in which Gounod expresses the various emotions of the characters.

*Mephistopheles* then begins to flatter the vain matron and pay her mock attentions, so that *Faust* may have an opportunity to plead his cause without interruption. This dialogue with the susceptible duenna furnishes the only touch of comedy in the opera.

MEPHISTOPHELES:
Happy will be the man
Whom you choose for your next!
I trust he may be worthy!
MARTHA:
But there's naught more doleful in nature
Than is an old, unmarried creature!
MEPHISTOPHELES:
Such a creature, old and alone,
I confess, has often made me shiver.
MARTHA:
You may escape the chance forever
And should do so ere you turn to stone!

*Faust* urges the timid girl to take his arm, at which she demurs, while the crafty Tempter continues his flattering attentions to *Martha*. The second quartet bit then follows, closing the record.

## Quartet—Eh quoi toujours seule? (But Why So Lonely?)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano; Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Marcel Journet, Bass; and Mme. Gilibert, Mezzo-Soprano**

*(In French)* **95205 12-inch, $5.00**

The second part of the scene begins with the beautiful dialogue between *Marguerite* and *Faust*. She confides to him her loneliness, and in an exquisite passage speaks of her dead sister.

MARGUERITE:
My mother is gone;
At the war is my brother;
One dear little sister I had,
But the darling, too, is dead!
The angel! the angel!
Loved me, and loved me only;
I waited on her night and day.
How I worked for her! oh, so dearly!
But those to whom we cling most nearly
Are the first to be called away.
Sure as ever morning came,
Came her call, and I must be there!
Since she could speak, she called me mother.
Oh, my bird! ne'er for another
Half so truly my heart will care!

*Faust* is tender and sympathetic, and the impressionable girl's heart turns more and more toward the handsome stranger, who seems all that a lover should be.

FAUST:
If a second angel, made by Heaven,
Could so pure, could so perfect be,
She was an angel!
An angel, sister to thee.

The record closes with the final quartet passage, by far the most effective bit of concerted writing in the opera.

***Mephistopheles*** **has succeeded in getting rid of** ***Martha,*** **who vainly looks for him in the garden, and he now watches with satisfaction the lovers, who are wandering among the trees in the moonlight.**

MARGUERITE (*alarmed*):
I pray you go, the night comes on!
FAUST (*protesting*):
Dear angel!
MARGUERITE (*running off*):
Pray you leave me!
FAUST (*following*):
Ah! unkind one! to deny me!
MEPHISTOPHELES:
'Ere the scene becomes too moving
'Twere best to fly! (*He hides.*)

MARTHA (*aside*):
Now be most civil!
Methinks—why he has gone!
My lord! my dear lord!
(*She goes in search of Marguerite.*)

MEPHISTOPHELES (*reappearing*):
Yes! So let her run! Ouff!
Yonder jolly matron loving,
Was longing, upon my word,
Tenderly to wed the devil!

**The Tempter now sings the famous Incantation, in which he calls upon night and the flowers to aid him in his diabolical plot against the soul of** ***Marguerite.***

## Invocation Mephistopheles (Oh Night, Draw Thy Curtain!)

**By Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In French*) **64119 10-inch, $1.00**

**Stretching out his arms, he invokes the powers of Night, that its mysterious scents and seductive charms may aid him in his work of the lovers' undoing. In this stately passage the singer drops for a time the satirical vein of the previous quartet, and gives the invocation with befitting solemnity and grandeur.**

MEPHISTOPHELES:
It was high time—
See, 'neath the balmy linden,
Our lovers devoted approaching; 'tis well!
Better leave them alone,
With the flow'rs and the moon.

O night! draw around them thy curtain!
Let naught waken alarm, or misgivings ever!
Ye flowers, aid the enchanting charm,
Her senses to bewilder; till she knows not
Whether she be not already in Heaven!

**This is the most impressive passage in the whole part of** ***Mephistopheles,*** **and it is magnificently sung by Journet.**

**The lovers appear again, and** ***Mephistopheles*** **discreetly retires from view. The first part of the exquisite duet then follows.**

FARRAR AS MARGUERITE

## Tardi si fa! (The Hour is Late!)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Enrico Caruso, Tenor**
(*In French*) **89032 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Fernando de Lucia, Tenor**
*Piano Acc.* (*In Italian*) **92053 12-inch, 3.00**

***Marguerite,*** **finding herself alone with** ***Faust,*** **looks in vain for** ***Martha,*** **and not seeing her, endeavors to bid farewell to her lover.**

MARGUERITE:
The hour is late! Farewell!
FAUST:
Oh, never leave me, now, I pray thee!
Why not enjoy this lovely night a little longer?
Let me gaze on the form before me!
While from yonder ether blue
Look how the star of eve,
Bright and tender, lingers o'er me!
To love thy beauty too!
MARGUERITE:
Oh! how strange, like a spell,
Does the evening bind me!
And a deep languid charm
I feel without alarm,
With its melody enwind me,
And all my heart subdue!

**The second part of the duet begins with the lovely** ***Sempre amar,*** **in which** ***Marguerite*** **and** ***Faust*** **pledge their love.**

## Dammi ancor (Let Me Gaze on Thy Beauty)

**By Alice Nielsen, Soprano, and Florencio Constantino, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) **74076 12-inch, $1.50**

**(This record is in part the same as 89032, one exception being that the recitative, "The Hour is Late," between** ***Marguerite*** **and** ***Faust,*** **is omitted.)**

## er Thine)

**arrar, Soprano, and Enrico Caruso, Tenor**

(*In French*) **89031 12-inch, $4.00**

rs plight their troth in the fateful word "Eternelle," which, with the ood wind, sounds like a true lover's sigh.

ite strain, calls on Heaven, the moon and stars to witness that his

arry Heav'n
ere angels are enthron'd.
learly do I love thee!
*fear, the timid girl begs*

ot hear!
aint with fear!
eart of one so lonely!
*ing)*:
remain and cheer thee,
with brow severe!
thee!

MARGUERITE:
By that tender vow that we have sworn,
By that secret torn from me,
I entreat you only in mercy to be gone!
FAUST:
Oh, fair and tender child!
Angel, so holy, thou shalt control me.
I obey—but at morn?
MARGUERITE (*eagerly*):
Yes, at morn, very early!
At morn, all day!
FAUST:
One word at parting! Thou lov'st me?
(*She hastens toward the house, but stops at the door and wafts a kiss to Faust*) I love thee!
FAUST (*in rapture*):
Were it already morn! Now away!

## être (See! She Opens the Window!)

**arrar, Soprano, and Marcel Journet, Bass**

(*In French*) **89040 12-inch, $4.00**

ll of thoughts of the morrow, when he again, *Faust* is confronted by the sneering s his way.

es (*contemptuously*):
r!

SEELING MARGUERITE LONGS FOR FAUST'S RETURN

## Fantasie from Garden Scene

**By Mischa Elman,**
**Violinist** (*Piano acc.*)
**64122 10-inch, $1.00**

For those who wish to enjoy some of the exquisite melodies of this act in an instrumental form only, the *potpourri* by Elman is included here.

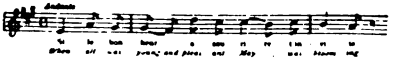
In this record the young artist does not show us feats of execution, but brings out all the sensuous beauty of the music which Gounod composed for this immortal scene. It is one of the loveliest bits of violin playing imaginable.

### ACT IV—The Desertion

## Quando a te lieta (When All Was Young)

**By Louise Homer,**
**Contralto** (*In Italian*)
**88200 12-inch, $3.00**

The opening of the fourth scene shows the unhappy *Marguerite* seated at her spinning wheel, brooding over the sorrows which have overtaken her young life. *Siebel,* her faithful friend, enters and talks of vengeance against the absent *Faust,* but *Marguerite* defends him and sadly goes into the house. Left alone, *Siebel,* with gentle melancholy, sings this exquisite romance, beginning:



This song has long been a favorite number with many famous contraltos, and its lovely

SOLDIERS' CHORUS—ACT IV

used in our churches as a setting to "Come Unto Me," and other

ng and pleasant May was
d, took part with thee in
ud of Autumn dark is
o, mournful the day!

Hope and delight have pass'd from life away!
We were not born with true love to trifle!
Nor born to part because the wind blows cold:
What tho' storm the summer garden rifle,
O Marguerite! Still on the bough is left a
leaf of gold!

From Ditson libretto, copy'd 1896.

ly changes to the square in front of the cathedral, with the house of one side. The victorious soldiers, just returned from the war, enter, ghted wives and sweethearts, and sing their famous Soldiers' Chorus, imber, and one of the finest marches ever composed.

## ando (Soldiers' Chorus)

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| t Grand Opera Chorus | *(In French)* | 74214 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| nd *(Double-Faced—See page 144)* | | 16302 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| horus *(Double-Faced—See page 144)* | *(Italian)* | 62624 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Ash Party of Wales | *(In English)* | 5689 | 10-inch, | .60 |

written for a previous opera by Gounod, but was taken bodily and ppy thought which added another splendid touch to a successful

of this great chorus are offered, both vocal and instrumental, and a f the words is given.

(English) (Italian) (French)

**The Soldiers' Chorus—Deponiam il brando—Déposons les armes**

Fold the flag, my brothers,
Fold the flag, my brothers,
Lay by the spear!
We come from the battle once more;
Our pale praying mothers,
Our wives and sisters dear,
Our loss need not deplore,
Yes! 'tis a joy for men victorious,
To the children by the fire, trembling in our arms,
To old age of old time glorious,
To talk of war's alarms!

Glory and love to the men of old,
Their sons may copy their virtues bold,
Courage in heart and sword in hand,
Ready to fight or ready to die, for Fatherland!
Who needs bidding to dare, by a trumpet blown?
Who lacks pity to spare, when the field is won?
Who would fly from a foe, if alone, or last?
And boast he was true, as cowards might do
When peril is past?
Glory and love to the men of old, etc.

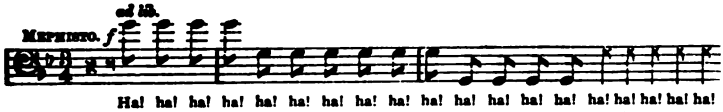
Now to home again we come,
The long and fiery strife of battle over;
Rest is pleasant after toil as hard as ours
Beneath a stranger sun.
Many a maiden fair is waiting here
To greet her truant soldier lover,
And many a heart will fail and brow grow pale,
To hear the tale of peril he has run!
Glory and love to the men of old, etc.

The unhappy *Marguerite,* shunned by her companions and deserted by all save the faithful *Siebel,* is brooding within the cottage, fearing to meet her brother, who has just returned from the war. *Mephistopheles,* not content with the evil he has already wrought, returns to taunt the maiden with her fault, and sings this insulting and literally infernal song, each verse of which ends with a mocking laugh.

## Serenade — Mephistopheles (Catarina, While You Play at Sleeping)

**By Pol Plançon, Bass** (*In French*) **81040 10-inch, $2.00**
**By Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In French*) **74036 12-inch, 1.50**

After the second verse occurs this famous passage—




with its beginning on a high G and its octave jumps to the low G, concluding with a peal of Mephistophelean laughter.

Two versions, by two famous exponents of the part of *Mephistopheles,* are offered for a choice.

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SAMMARCO AS VALENTINE

MEPHISTOPHELES:

Thou who here art soundly sleeping,
Close not thus thy heart,
Close not thus thy heart!
Caterina! wake thee! wake thee!
Caterina! wake! 'tis thy lover near!
Hearken to my love-lorn pleading;
Let thy heart be interceding,
Awake, love, and hear!
Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
Don't come down until, my dear,
The nuptial ring appear
On thy finger sparkling clearly—
The wedding-ring—the ring shineth clear
Ha! ha! ha! ha! etc.

Caterina! cruel, cruel!
Cruel to deny to him who loves thee—
And for thee doth mourn and sigh—
A single kiss from thy rosy lips.
Thus to slight a faithful lover,
Who so long hath been a rover,
Too bad, I declare!
Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!
Not a single kiss, my dear,
Unless the ring appear!
Ha, ha, ha, ha! etc.

COPY'T DUPONT

MELBA AS MARGUERITE—CHURCH SCENE

Plancon's *Mephistopheles* was invariably a finished performance—witty, elegant, debonaire and sonorous. It was a polished Devil that he pictured; yet beneath the polish we could see the sinister Satan ever present. In his record of this mocking serenade he is at his best, and the number is sung with the brilliancy and vocal finish to be expected of this fine artist.

Journet's impersonation is always highly praised, and he sings the music superbly. This famous serenade is given here with much spirit.

## Que voulez-vous, messieurs? (What is Your Will?) (Duel Scene)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Antonio Scotti, Baritone; and Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In French*) **95206 12-inch, $5.00**

**By Van Hoose, Journet and de Gogorza** (*In French*) **74004 12-inch, 1.50**

***Valentine***, smarting with shame of his sister's disgrace, comes from the house and exclaims, "What is your will with me?" *Mephistopheles* replies in his most mocking voice that their "serenade" was not meant for him. "For my sister, then!" cries *Valentine* in a rage, and draws his sword. The great trio then follows, leading up to a splendid climax, and is closely followed by the duel, in which *Valentine* is wounded.

KRELING MARGUERITE AT THE SHRINE

## Morte di Valentino (Death of Valentine)

**By Antonio Scotti, Baritone, and Grand Opera Chorus**
(*In French*) **88282 12-inch, $3.00**

Leaving the wounded *Valentine* on the ground, the assailants rapidly depart, and a crowd of soldiers and women assemble around the dying soldier, the chorus here crying out in accents of pity, in which *Marguerite* joins. *Valentine*, seeing his sister, utters curses upon her, the solemnity of the scene enhanced by the sustained trumpet tones in the accompaniment.

VALENTINE:
Too late! too late!
There's no need, good friends, to bewail me!
Too often have I looked on death to be afraid,
Now that he is near.
MARGUERITE (*entering*):
Valentine! Valentine!
VALENTINE:
Marguerite, my sister,
What brings thee here? Begone!
MARGUERITE:
Mercy!
VALENTINE (*sternly*):
Thy shame hath slain me!
(*To the soldiers*)
Her fine betrayer's sword
Hath sent her brother home!

The throng endeavor to mitigate the dying man's anger, and *Marguerite* begs forgiveness, but *Valentine* dies with the curse upon his lips.

This dramatic scene is vividly pictured in the wonderful painting by Kreling, presented on the opposite page. These Kreling paintings, some ten in number, are reproduced in this work through the courtesy of Mme. Sofia Romani, who has loaned the Editor her collection, perhaps the only one in America.

## Scene de L'Eglise (I) (Church Scene, Part I)

**By Geraldine Farrar and Marcel Journet** (*In French*) **89035 12-inch, $4.00**

the impressive and almost terrible scene outside the church.
d by her dying brother, abandoned by all but the faithful *Siebel*, is tar. Fearing to enter, and endeavoring to seek consolation in prayer, en to accept her repentance.

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pentance!
eet, let me pray!
*isible*):
no more!
e prayeth,
is in store!

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nyself!
iour of torture begun!

MEPHISTOPHELES (*taunting her*):
Recollect the old time, when the angels, caressing,
Did teach thee to pray.
Recollect how thou camest to ask for a blessing
At the dawn of the day!
When thy feet did fall back, and thy breath it did falter
As though to ask for aid;
Recollect thou wast then of the rite and the altar
In thine innocence afraid!
And now be glad and hear
Thy playmates do claim thee from below, to their home!
The worm to welcome thee, the fire to warm thee.
Wait but till thou shalt come!

rophecy is heard from the invisible Evil Spirit, *Marguerite* is overcome down almost fainting.

## se (II) (Church Scene, Part II)

**Farrar, Soprano; Marcel Journet, Bass; and n Opera Chorus** (*In French*) **89037 12-inch, $4.00**

The unhappy girl, beside herself with terror, cries out wildly:

Ah! what sound in the gloom,

Tormented beyond further endurance, the unhappy girl's reason gives way, and with a terrible cry she falls lifeless before the church.

Words are pitiful things in describing such a scene as this, given as these two artists render it. The conflict in the soul of *Marguerite*, the taunting apostrophe of *Mephistopheles* as he strives to prevent his victim from praying, while the sombre strains of the *Dies irae* issue from the church, form a musical picture which cannot be adequately described.

### THE WALPURGIS NIGHT

At the period of the first production of Faust, a ballet was an absolutely essential part of an opera, if it were to be given at the Paris Opera, though to-day it is seldom performed.

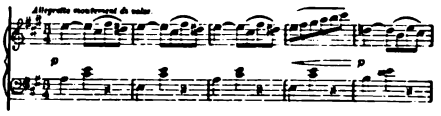
Gounod placed his ballet between the death of *Valentine* and the Prison Scene; called it a Walpurgis Night, set it in a mountain fastness amid ruins, and called to the scene the classic queens, *Helen, Phryne* and *Cleopatra*, who danced to weird and distorted versions of melodies from the opera.

## Ballet Music (Part I—Valse, "Les Nubiennes")

**By L'Orchestre Symphonique, Paris** 58015 12-inch, $1.00

**By Vessella's Italian Band** *17284 10-inch, .75

The first part, which in the opera accompanies the dance of the Nubian Slaves, is a most striking portion, beginning with introductory chords, followed by the violins in this delicious melody:



afterward repeated with bassoon obbligato.

## Ballet Music No. 2—Adagio (Cleopatra and the Golden Cup)

**By L'Orchestre Symphonique, Paris** 58018 12-inch, $1.00

The second part is the *adagio* movement accompanying the scene in which the Nubian Slaves drink from golden cups the poisons of *Cleopatra*, who herself moistens her lips from a vase in which she has dissolved her most precious pearls.

## Ballet Music Nos. 5 and 6 (Les Troyennes et Variation)

**By L'Orchestre Symphonique, Paris** 58020 12-inch, $1.00

**By Vessella's Italian Band** *17284 10-inch, .75

These two parts are heard during the appearance of the goddess *Phryne*, who rises, a veiled apparition, and commands the dance to recommence.

## Ballet Music—Finale, "Danse de Phryne"

**By L'Orchestre Symphonique, Paris** 58021 12-inch, $1.00

The finale is brisk in movement, rising to a wild climax and ending suddenly with a crashing chord. It is a most effective and exciting bit of ballet composition, and accompanies the dance of *Phryne*, who surpasses all her rivals and wins the favor of *Faust*, arousing the anger and jealousy of the courtesans—*Helen, Cleopatra, Aspasia* and *Lais*—and the dance develops into a bacchanalian frenzy, graphically pictured in Gounod's music.

### ACT V

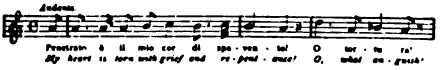
SCENE—*The Prison Cell of Marguerite*

The short final act of Faust is truly one of the grandest of operatic compositions, Goethe's story giving Gounod ample opportunity for some most dramatic writing. *Marguerite's* reason is gone—grief and remorse have driven her insane, and in a frenzy she has destroyed her child. Condemned to death, she lies in prison, into which *Mephistopheles* and *Faust*, defying bolts and bars, have entered.

## "Mon coeur est pénétré d'épouvante!" (My Heart is Torn)

**By Geraldine Farrar and Enrico Caruso** (*In French*) 89033 12-inch, $4.00

Gazing at the unhappy girl, who is sleeping on a pallet of straw, *Faust* cries:




* *Double-Faced Record—See page 144.*

and, as the full measure of his own guilt comes to him, continues:

FAUST:
Oh, what anguish! She lies there at my feet
A young and lovely being, imprisoned here
As if herself, not I, were guilty!
No wonder that her fright has reason ta'en away!
Marguerite! Marguerite!

MARGUERITE (*awaking*):
Ah, do I hear once again, the song of time gone by—
'Twas not the cry of the demons—
'Tis his own voice I hear!

She forgets all but that her loved one is before her, and sings in a transport of love

MARGUERITE:
Ah! I love thee only!
Since thou cam'st to find me
No tears more shall blind me!
Take me up to Heaven,
To Heaven by thy aid!

FAUST (*supporting her tenderly*):
Yes, I love thee only!
Let who will, now goad
Or mock me, or upbraid.
Earth will grow as Heaven,
By thy beauty made!

## Attends! voici la rue (This is the Fair)

**By Geraldine Farrar and Enrico Caruso** (*In French*) **89034 12-inch, $4.00**

*Marguerite's* mind wandering, she sings dreamily of the Fair, where first *Faust* appeared to her:

'Tis the Fair!
Where I was seen by you, in happy days gone by,
The day your eye did not dare
To meet my eye!

*Marguerite* now rehearses the first meeting with *Faust*, his respectful greeting, and her modest and dignified reply:

"High born and lovely maid, forgive my humble duty;
Let me your willing slave, attend you home to-day?"
"No my lord! not a lady am I, nor yet a beauty,
Not a lady, not a beauty,
And do not need an arm to help me on my way!"

FAUST (*in despair*):
Come away! If thou lov'st me!

MARGUERITE (*dreamily, her thoughts in the past*):
How my garden is fresh and fair!
Every flower is incense breathing,
And through the still evening air
A cloud of dew, with perfume wreathing;
Hark! how the nightingale above
To every glowing crimson rose
Fondly murmurs thy love!

FAUST (*urging her*):
Yes! but come! They shall not harm thee!
Come away!
There is yet time to save thee!
Marguerite! Thou shalt not perish!

MARGUERITE (*listlessly*):
'Tis all too late! Here let me die!
Farewell! My memory live to cherish!

The impassioned duet then follows, *Faust* endeavoring to persuade her to escape; but the poor weak mind cannot grasp the idea of safety. The duet is interrupted by the impatient *Mephistopheles*, whose brutal "*Alerte*" begins the final trio.

## Trio—Alerte! ou vous êtes perdus! (Then Leave Her!)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Enrico Caruso and Marcel Journet** (*In French*) **95203 12-inch, $5.00**

**By Victor Opera Trio** (*In English*) **60097 10-inch, .75**

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Pietro Lara and Torres de Luna** (*In Italian*) ***62085 10-inch, .75**

*Mephistopheles*, fearing the coming of the jailers, and uncertain of his own power, cries out:

Then leave her, then leave her, or remain to your shame;
If it please you to stay, mine is no more the game!

MARGUERITE (*in horror, recognizing the Evil One, the cause of all her woes*):
Who is there! Who is there!
Dost thou see, there in the shadow;
What does he here! He who forbade me to pray!

MEPHISTOPHELES (*to Faust*):
Let us go, ere with dawn
Doth justice come on:
Hark! the horses panting in the courtyard below,
To bear us away!
Come, ere 'tis day!

As he sings, the tramping and neighing of horses are heard in the accompaniment.

MARGUERITE (*with fresh courage, defying him*):
Away, for I will pray! (*in rapture*)
Holy Angels, in Heaven bless'd
My spirit longs with thee to rest!

FAUST: Come, ere 'tis too late to save thee!

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 144.*

perhaps the most thrilling and moving of all operatic compositions, *guerite* continuing her prayer, *Faust* urging her to follow him, while :ration, repeats his warning to *Faust*.

MARGUERITE:
Holy angels, in Heaven bless'd,
My spirit longs with thee to rest!
Great Heaven, pardon grant, I implore thee,
For soon shall I appear before thee!
(*She dies.*)

ı is grey,
thee!

save thee!

ıe trio, *Mephistopheles* is about to triumph over the soul of his victim, gels appear and announce that *Marguerite* is saved. The Evil One, n, disappears in a fiery abyss.

## ACED AND MISCELLANEOUS FAUST RECORDS

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By Victor Opera Co. 31879 12-inch, $1.00

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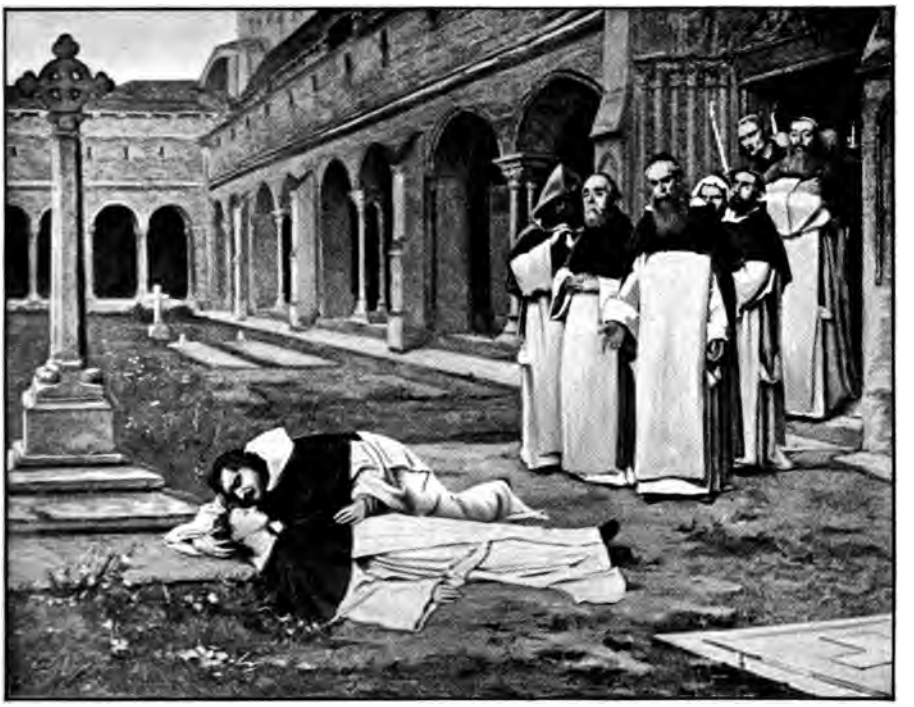

THE DEATH OF LEONORA

(German)
# DIE FAVORITIN
(*Dse Fah-voh-ree'-tin*)

(Italian)
# LA FAVORITA
(*Lah Fah-voh-ree'-tah*)

(English)
# THE FAVORITE

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text by Alphonse Royer and Gustave Waez, adapted from a drama of Baculard-Darnaud, "*Le Comte de Comminges.*" Music by Gaetano Donizetti. In its present form it was first produced at the *Académie*, Paris, December 2, 1840. First London production in English, 1843; in Italian February 16, 1847. First New Orleans production February 9, 1843. English version at the Park Theatre, New York, October 4, 1848. Some later American productions were in 1895-96, with Manelli, Cremonini, Ancona and Plançon; and in 1898, at Wallack's Theatre by the Royal Italian Opera Company, and in 1905 at the Metropolitan.

### Cast

ALPHONSO XI, King of Castile ..... Baritone
FERDINAND, a young novice of the Convent of St. James of Compostella, afterwards an officer ..... Tenor
DON GASPAR, the King's Minister ..... Tenor
BALTHAZAR, Superior of the Convent of St. James ..... Bass
LEONORA DI GUSMANN, the King's favorite ..... Soprano
INEZ, her confidante ..... Soprano

Courtiers, Guards, Monks, Attendants, etc.

***Scene and Period:*** ***The action is supposed to take place in Castile, about the year 1340.***

## ACT I

SCENE—*The Monastery of St. James*

ırtain discloses a Spanish cloister with its secluded garden and weather- the distance is a glimpse of the tiled roofs of the city. *Ferdinand,* a tery, confesses to the Prior, *Balthazar,* that he has seen a beautiful n in love with her. He describes his meeting with the fair one in a *ne.*

### ıike An Angel)

**Constantino, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **64090 10-inch, $1.00**

s horrified and urges him to confess and repent.

### d'un giusto (Know'st Thou)

**tinez-Patti, Tenor, and Cesare Preve, Bass**

(*In Italian*) ***62635 10-inch, $0.75**

fe's latest solace,
rescue thee still!
ouldst be my successor,
duties fill.

ıer!

hed one! oh, knowest thou
thus to shame?
for whom thy holiest vow
nk—her name?

t I love her!

e! Fly these cloisters
e!—avoid my sight.

FERDINAND (*in rapture*):
Yes, ador'd one! this heart's dearest idol!
For thee I will break ev'ry tie!
To thee all my soul I surrender—
At thy dear feet content to die!
Forgive me! Father, I go!

BALTHAZAR:
Hence, audacious! away in madness!
I'll not curse thee! no—depart!
If Heaven spare thee, soon in sadness,
Thou'lt hither bring a broken heart!

FERDINAND:
Ah, dear Idol! this heart so enchaining,
In vain thy spell I strive to break!
To thee only my truth maintaining,
My cloister I forsake!

ling fails to restore *Ferdinand* to his duty, and he leaves the convent to ul unknown. As he goes he turns and stretches out his arms toward

## ACT II

SCENE—*Gardens of the Alcazar Palace*

The King enters and admires the beauty of the palace, which he has just acquired from the Moors by the victory of his army, led by the young captain, *Ferdinand*. A message comes from *Balthazar*, the King's father-in-law, who is at the head of the powerful Church party, and *Alfonso* is threatened with the wrath of the Church if he does not give up *Leonora*. In a fine air he declares he will not submit.

### Vien Leonora (Leonora, Thou Alone)

**By Francesco Cigada, Baritone** (*In Italian*) ***68061 12-inch, $1.25**

*Leonora* enters and the King tenderly asks the cause of her melancholy. She tells him her position is intolerable, and asks that she be allowed to leave the Court. She begins the duet, *Quando le soglie*.

### Quando le soglie (From My Father's Halls)

**By Lina Mileri and Renzo Minolfi** (*In Italian*) ***68275 12-inch, $1.25**

### Ah! l'alto ardor (Oh, Love!)

**By Margarete Matzenauer and Pasquale Amato 89062 12-inch, $4.00**

*Leonora* recalls the circumstances connected with her departure from her father's home.

MLLE. BAILAC AS FAVORITA

LEONORA:
When from my father's halls you bore me,
A poor simple maiden, betray'd, deceived,
Alas! within these walls I hop'd, fulfilled
Would be those vows so sworn!

KING (*with remorse*): No more!

LEONORA:
Silent and alone, shunned by the world,
Live I in the dark: the mistress of the King.
Vainly glitter these jewels,
Vainly bloom these flowers around me.
The lip may smile, but the heart is weeping!

KING:
But tell me the cause of your grief.

LEONORA:
Ah! ask not to know it.
Permit me, sir, to leave this court!

KING:
No man can love thee more than I!

LEONORA:
I dare not look so high as thee.

KING (*aside*):
Oh, love! soft love! her bosom filling,
With sweet response each fibre thrilling,
Inspire her heart!

LEONORA (*aside*):
Oh, love, alas! this bosom filling,
With secret woe each fibre thrilling!

KING:
Disperse this gloom; enjoy the feasts
Spread 'round thee by my tender love!

They are interrupted by the entrance of *Balthazar*, who brings the mandate from the Pope. The King defies him, saying:

KING:
My will is sacred! On my brow
Rests the royal diadem!
This lady I shall wed, and whoever
Doubts my right shall feel
The anger of a monarch!

*Balthazar* then begins the finale, one of the most impressive of the concerted numbers. He threatens the King with the wrath of God and denounces *Leonora* as an abandoned woman.

### Ah! paventa il furor (The Wrath of Heaven)

**By Amelia Codolini, Francesco Cigada, Aristodemo Sillich and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) ***16536 10-inch, $0.75**

The curtain falls on a dramatic tableau,—*Leonora* weeping with shame, the King hesitating between love and ambition, while the terrible *Balthazar* thunders the papal curse down upon the guilty pair.

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## ACT III

SCENE—*A Room in the Palace*

s won distinction in the wars, is received by the King, who asks him rd. The young captain asks for the hand of a noble lady to whom n, and when the King asks her name he points to *Leonora*. *Alfonso* l sternly and sings his ironical air.

### Thou Flow'r Beloved)

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| ona, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 88063 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| tistini, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 92045 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| Cigada, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | *16536 | 10-inch, | .75 |

n cherish'd,
s refresh'd,
Both night and morn;
Fad'st from my breast,
Thine ev'ry beauty perished,
And in thy stead alone have left a thorn!

marriage, however, and announcing that they must prepare to wed in *Ferdinand*. *Leonora*, left alone, decides to sacrifice her own feeling l. She gives expression to her mingled joy and despair in a noble air:

### o (Oh, My Ferdinand)

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| Matzenauer, Contralto | (*In Italian*) | 88363 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |

were mine this earth's
of yon blue heav'n:
pleasure,
his fond hand were giv'n!
All should be thine, save my poor name degraded;
And thine should be, too, my life's latest sigh!
Ah! But ere I give to thee a name thus clouded,
And thou deceive, I'll die!

no sooner taken, however, than she resolves to tell him all and throw She calls *Inez*, and bidding her seek out *Ferdinand* and reveal all, goes prepare for the wedding. *Inez* prepares to obey, but on her way is of the King.

with *Ferdinand*, to whom he gives the title of *Count of Zamora*. *Leonora*

The monks now go into the chapel to prepare for the final rites, and *Ferdinand,* left alone, casts a look behind him to the world he has left forever, and sings his lovely *Spirto gentil.*

## Spirto gentil (Spirit So Fair)

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| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 88004 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Gennaro de Tura, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 76012 | 12-inch, | 2.00 |
| By Evan Williams, Tenor | (*In English*) | 74141 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |

FERDINAND:
Spirit so fair, brightly descending,
Then like a dream all sadly ending,
Hence from my heart, vision deceiving,
Phantom of love, grief only leaving,
In thee delighting, all else scorning,
A father's warning, my country, my fame!
Ah, faithless dame, a passion inviting,
Fair honor blighting, branding my name,
Grief alone thou leav'st, phantom of love!

The monks now lead *Ferdinand* to the chapel. *Leonora,* who has come hither disguised as a novice to entreat forgiveness of her lover, hears him take the final vows and despairingly falls at the altar. *Ferdinand* comes from the chapel, and seeing a poor novice, assists him to rise. He is at first horrified to recognize *Leonora,* and bids her begone, but she pleads for mercy.

LEONORA:
Ah, heavenlike, thy mercy showing,
Turn not thy heart away from me!
FERDINAND (*his love returning*):
From tears thy words persuasion borrow,
Like a spell their softness impart,
Those sighs, the hope of some bright morrow
Waken once more in my heart!
(*Impetuously.*)
I love thee!
Come, ah, come, 'tis vain restraining
Passion's torrent onward that dashes,
O'er my bosom still art thou reigning
And we together will live and die!

## Pietoso al par d'un Nume (As Merciful as God)

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| By Esposito and Martinez-Patti | (*In Italian*) | *62659 | 10-inch, | $0.75 |

Again gently reminding him of his vows, she falls from weakness and privation.

LEONORA: 'Tis Heaven calls thee!
FERDINAND (*recklessly*):
Yet more power hath love:
Come, could I possess thee
There's naught I would not brave!
LEONORA (*feebly*):
Heav'n forgive me, now I'm dying,
We shall hereafter meet no more to be parted,
Farewell, now, farewell!
(*She dies.*)

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS FAVORITA RECORDS

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| Quando le soglie (From My Father's Halls) By Lina Mileri, Contralto, and Renzo Minolfi, Baritone (*Italian*)<br>*Faust—Dio possente (Gounod) By Francesco Cigada (In Italian)* | 68275 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| Fia vero! lasciarti! (Fly From Thee!) Clotilde Esposito, Soprano, and Sig. Martinez-Patti, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>*Norma—In mia mano alfin tu sei Giacomelli and Martinez-Patti* | 68309 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Vien Leonora (Leonora, Thou Alone) F. Cigada (*Italian*)<br>Splendon più belle in ciel (In Heavenly Splendor) By Torres de Luna, Bass, and La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*) | 68061 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| A tanto amor (Flow'r Beloved) By Cigada (*In Italian*)<br>Ah! paventa il furor Codolini, Cigada and Sillich (*In Italian*) | 16536 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Non sai tu che d'un giusto (Know'st Thou) By Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor, and Cesare Preve, Bass (*Italian*)<br>Bei raggi lucenti (Beams of Gold) Roselli and Cho. (*Italian*) | 62635 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Orsù, Fernando (Stay! Hear Me, Fernando!) By Cappiello, Acerbi and Cigada (*In Italian*)<br>Pietoso al par d'un Nume (As Merciful as God) By Esposito and Martinez-Patti (*In Italian*) | 62659 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Splendon più belle in ciel le stelle (In Heavenly Splendor) By Perello de Segurola, Bass, and Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>*Manon—Et je sais votre nom By Korsoff and Beyle (In French)* | 16551 | 10-inch, | .75 |

**Double-Faced Record—See above list.*

THE METROPOLITAN CAST OF 1913

PHOTO WHITE SECOND ACT SCENE AT THE METROPOLITAN

*Fidelio* must ever be regarded with great interest as being the only opera written by one of the greatest composers. Originally given as *Fidelio*, it was rewritten and condensed into two acts by Breuning, still a third revision being made in 1814 by Treitschke. At the time of the second production in 1806 the title was changed to *Leonore*, Beethoven writing a new overture, now known as *Leonore No. 3*. The complete overture is given in three parts by the Victor Concert Orchestra.

PHOTO WHITE FLORESTAN AND HIS FAITHFUL WIFE

## Leonore Overture No. 3

**By Victor Concert Orchestra**
(*Parts I and II*) **35268 12-in., $1.25**

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| **Part III Victor Concert Or.** *Adagio from 4th Symphony (Beethoven) Vessella's Band* | **35269 12-in., 1.25** |

The action of the opera occurs in a fortress near Seville. *Don Florestan*, a Spanish nobleman, has been imprisoned here for life, and to make his fate certain his mortal enemy, *Don Pizarro*, Governor of the prison, has announced his death, meanwhile putting the unfortunate man in the lowest dungeon, where he is expected to die by gradual starvation, thus rendering unnecessary a resort to violent means.

## Ha, welch ein Augenblick (Fateful Moment)

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone** (*In German*) **64165 10-in, $1.00**

cked Governor unfolds his hatred and his malignant intentions toward

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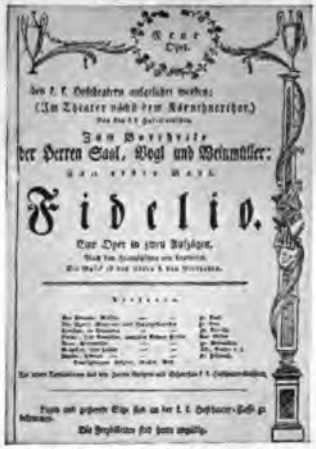
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den k. k. Hofschauspielern aufgeführt werden:
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Zum Vortheile
der Herren Saal, Vogl und Weinmüller:

Fidelio.

Eine Oper in zwey Aufzügen.

ORIGINAL PROGRAM OF FIDELIO—VIENNA

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ıly effective manner, fairly exuding

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Minister of the Interior is coming to the prison to investigate the sup-
*ın*, the Governor decides to murder him, and asks *Rocco's* help. *Fidelio*
ation and gets *Rocco* to allow her to dig the grave. Just as *Don Pizarro*
fatal blow, *Fidelio* rushes forward, proclaims herself the wife of the
ıim. The Governor is astonished for a moment, but recovers himself

(German) (English)

# DIE FLEDERMAUS THE BAT

## COMIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by C. Haffner and Richard Genée. Music by Johann Strauss. First production, Vienna, April 5, 1847, at the Theatre an der Wein. Produced at Berlin, July, 1874. Given in Paris under the title of *La Chauve Souris* and *La Tsigane;* and in Italy as *Il Pipistrello.* First London production in 1895, at the Coburg Court Theatre. Given in English by the Beecham Opera Company in 1910, at His Majesty's Theatre. Produced at the Casino, New York, March 16, 1885, with De Wolf Hopper in the cast. Given several performances at the German Theatre, and revived at the Metropolitan Opera House by Mr. Amberg's Company, March 6, 1890. A notable revival occurred at the Metropolitan February 15, 1905, with a cast including Caruso, Sembrich, Walker, Alten, Reiss and Goritz. In 1912 an adaptation by Gladys Unger, called "The Night Birds," was given in London, and later in New York, under the title "The Merry Countess," with new lyrics by Arthur Anderson.

### Characters

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| VON EISENSTEIN, a banker | Tenor |
| ROSALIND, his wife | Soprano |
| PRINCE ORLOFSKY | Tenor |
| FRANK, the prison director | Tenor |
| DR. FALKE, a notary | Tenor |
| DR. BLIND, a lawyer | Tenor |
| ALFRED, Prince Orlofsky's musician | Tenor |
| ADELE, Rosalind's maid | Soprano |

An American, a Spaniard, a distinguished Egyptian, members of the Ballet, etc.

*Time and Place: Germany; the last century.*

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There are six composers by the name of Strauss, but this comic opera is by the well-known writer of the "Blue Danube." The music is in the popular Viennese style, and was the pioneer of the Viennese operetta. In dramatic effect it is French, the libretto being an adaptation of Meilhac and Halévy's *Le Réveillon.*

*Baron von Eisenstein,* who has been sentenced to prison for eight days for insulting an official, is persuaded by *Notary Falke* to postpone for one day the beginning of his sentence and to attend a ball at the residence of *Prince Orlofsky. Falke,* it appears has an old score to settle with *von Eisenstein.* The previous winter, attending a ball dressed as a bat, the baron had compelled him to walk to his home in his bird dress, to the amusement of the people. He now hopes to find an opportunity for revenge, and when *von Eisenstein* takes a mournful farewell of his wife, telling her he is going to prison, *Falke* invites *Rosalind* and her maid, *Adele,* to attend the ball.

After the departure of her husband *Rosalind* is visited by an old admirer, *Alfred,* and when *Frank,* the governor of the prison, comes to take *von Eisenstein* to jail, he mistakes *Alfred* for his prisoner, and carries him off. *Rosalind* goes to the ball masked in order to better observe her husband. *Falke* introduces her as a Hungarian Countess, and she so enchants her unsuspecting husband that he presents her with his treasured watch, which the lady keeps to be used as evidence the next day. *Frank* attends the ball and makes love to *Adele.*

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PHOTO WHITE SCENE FROM THE MERRY COUNTESS

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" the plot was revised, and tells of a count who is arrested after
entenced to five days in jail. This jail is the liveliest spot in town for
d matters come to a climax when the warden arrives, finds a ball in
lf arrested and locked up.

ı Company gives an extremely brilliant presentation of this version
eight of the principal numbers.

THE PHANTOM SHIP

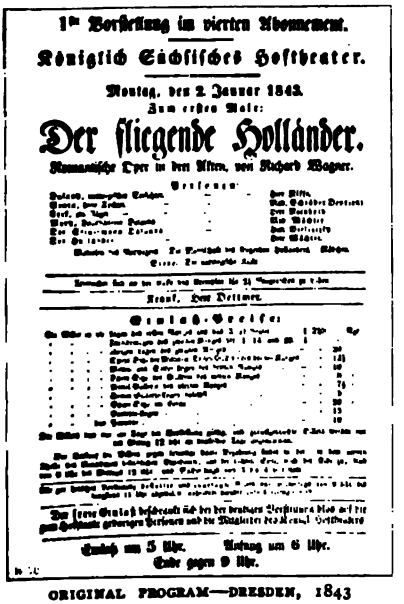
(German)

# DER FLIEGENDE HOLLÄNDER

*(Dehr Flee'-gen-deh Hol'-lan-der)*

(English)

# THE FLYING DUTCHMAN



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Königlich Sächsisches Hoftheater.

Montag, den 2. Januar 1843.

Zum ersten Male:

Der fliegende Holländer.

Romantische Oper in drei Akten, von Richard Wagner.

Personen:

Kranz, Herr Dettmer.

Einlaß-Preise:

Einlaß um 5 Uhr. Anfang um 6 Uhr.

Ende gegen 9 Uhr.

ORIGINAL PROGRAM—DRESDEN, 1843

## A ROMANTIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text and score by Richard Wagner. First produced at the Royal Opera in Dresden, January 2, 1843, with a Paris production the following year under the title of *Le Vaisseau Fantôme.* Produced in Berlin in 1844; Zurich, 1852; Weimar, 1853; Vienna, 1860; Munich, 1864. First London production July 23, 1870, under the title *L'Olandese Dannato,* the book being translated into Italian by Marchesi; and in English by Carl Rosa October 3, 1876. Another Italian version was given at Covent Garden, this time called *Il Vascello Fantasma,* June, 1877. First American production at Philadelphia, November 8, 1876, by the Pappenheim Opera Company, in Italian; first New York production, in English, January 26, 1877; in German, March 12, 1877. First New Orleans production November 29, 1877.

Cast

DALAND, a Norwegian sea captain.....Bass
SENTA, his daughter.....Soprano
ERIC, a huntsman.....Tenor
MARY, Senta's nurse.....Contralto
DALAND'S STEERSMAN.....Tenor
THE DUTCHMAN.....Baritone
Sailors, Maidens, Hunters, etc.

*Place: On the coast of Norway*

## THE STORY

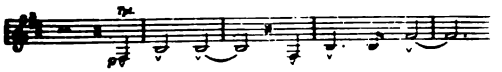
One of the most melodious of Wagner's operas, and the most popular in Germany to-day, *Fliegende Holländer* is also the one which was most promptly condemned by the critics after its production. Its present vogue is a notable example of the change in musical taste since 1843.

Wagner was led to write the *Flying Dutchman* after reading Heine's legend of the unhappy mariner, who, after trying long in vain to pass the Cape of Good Hope, had sworn that he would not desist if he had to sail on the ocean to eternity. To punish his blasphemy he is condemned to the fate of the Wandering Jew, his only hope of salvation lying in his release through the devotion unto death of a woman; and to find such a maiden he is allowed every seven years to go on shore.

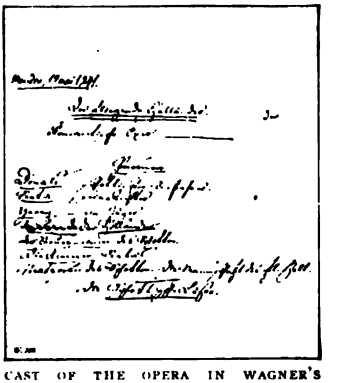
## Flying Dutchman Overture

**By Pryor's Band 31787 12-inch, $1.00**

The overture is a complete miniature drama, embodying the events of the opera to follow. Driven by the gale, the Phantom Ship approaches the shore, while amid the fury of the tempest is heard the theme of *The Curse:*



The storm increases and reaches its height in a wonderful piece of writing. No composer ever succeeded in portraying a raging storm with such vivid effect. Amid a lull in the tempest, we hear the melancholy complaint of the *Dutchman* from the great air in the first act, *"Wie oft . . . Mein Grab, es schloss sich nicht?"* (*My grave—I find it not!*) A gleam of hope appears in the Redemption theme, and a joyous strain is heard from the sailors of *Daland's* ship, which is safe in the harbor.



CAST OF THE OPERA IN WAGNER'S HANDWRITING

Thus the various events of the drama are presented in miniature; and the overture is in fact a complete *résumé* of the opera, summarizing the leading *motifs*. It is superbly played by Mr. Pryor's fine organization.

## ACT I

SCENE—*The Coast of Norway*

DALAND

The curtain rises showing a rocky sea coast in Norway, with the ship of *Daland* anchored near the shore. As the crew furl the sails, *Daland* goes ashore, and climbing the cliff, sees that he is only seven miles from home, but as he must wait for a change in the wind, bids the crew go below and rest.

The *Steersman* remains on watch, and to keep awake sings a sailor ballad:

STEERSMAN:
Through thunder and wars of distant seas,
My maiden, come I near!
Over towering waves, with southern breeze,
My maiden, am I here!
My maiden, were there no south wind,
I never could come to thee;
O fair south wind, to me be kind!
My maiden, she longs for me!
Ho-yo-ho! Hallo-ho!
From the shores of the south, in far-off lands,
I oft on thee have thought;
Through thunder and waves from Moorish strands,
A gift I thee have brought.
My maiden, praise the sweet south wind—
I bring thee a golden ring.
O fair south wind, to me be kind!
My maiden doth spin and sing.
Ho-yo-ho! Hallo-ho!

ns (Mme. Gadski on the Right)

RENAUD AS THE DUTCHMAN

He soon falls asleep, however, and fails to see the *Flying Dutchman,* which now appears, with blood-red sails and black masts, for one of her periodical visits.

The spectral crew furl the sails and drop the rusty anchor. The *Dutchman* stands on the deck, and delivers his great soliloquy.

## Wie oft in Meeres tiefsten Schlund (In Ocean's Deepest Wave)

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone**
**(*In German*) 74230 12-inch, $1.50**

**Gloomily gazing at the land, he sings his preliminary recitative:**

The term is past and once again are ended the seven long years;
The weary sea casts me upon the land.
Ha! haughty ocean!
A little while and thou again wilt bear me!
Though thou art changeful, unchanging is my doom!
Release, which on the land I seek for,
Never shall I meet with!

**An introduction in 6-8 *allegro molto* leads to the aria:**

DUTCHMAN:
Engulf'd in ocean's deepest wave,
Oft have I long'd to find a grave;
But ah! a grave, I found it not!
I oft have blindly rushed along,
To find my death sharp rocks among;
But ah! my death, I found it not.
And oft, the pirate boldly daring,
My death I've courted from the sword,
Here, cried I, work thy deeds unsparing,
My ship with gold is richly stor'd!
Alas, the sea's rapacious son,
But sign'd the cross, and straight was gone
Nowhere a grave, no way of death!
Mine is a curse of living breath.
Thee do I pray
Bright angel sent from Heaven.
Was there a fruitless hope to mock me given,
When thou didst tell me how to gain release?
A single hope with me remaineth,
A single hope still standeth fast;
When all the dead are raised again,
Destruction then I shall attain.
Ye worlds, your curse continue not!
Endless destruction be my lot!

***Daland* comes on deck and is astonished to see the strange ship. He wakes the *Steersman* and they hail the stranger, who asks *Daland* to give him shelter in his home, offering him treasure.**

THE DUTCHMAN:
Oh, grant to me a little while thy home,
And of thy friendship thou wilt not repent;
With treasure brought from every clime and country
My ship is richly laden: wilt thou bargain?

**On hearing that *Daland* has a daughter he proposes marriage. The simple Norwegian is dazzled by such an honor from a man apparently so wealthy, and freely consents, provided his daughter is pleased with the stranger. The wind changes and *Daland* sails for his home, the *Dutchman* promising to follow at once.**

FIRST ACT SETTING USED IN MUNICH

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## ACT II

SCENE—*A Room in Daland's Home*

The maidens are busily spinning—all but *Senta, Daland's* daughter, who is idly dreaming, with her eyes fixed on the fanciful portrait of the *Flying Dutchman* which hangs on the wall.

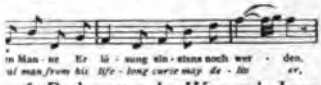
The legend of the unhappy *Hollander* has made a strong impression on the young girl, and he seems almost a reality to her. The maidens ridicule her, saying that her lover, *Eric*, will be jealous of the *Dutchman*. *Senta* rouses herself and commences the ballad, which begins with the motive of *The Curse*.

### Traft ihr das Schiff (Senta's Ballad)

By Johanna Gadski, Soprano

(*In German*) 88116 12-inch, $3.00

With growing enthusiasm she goes on, describing the unhappy lot of the man condemned to sail forever on the sea unless redeemed by the love of a woman. Then with emotion she cries:



of *Redemption by Woman's Love*, and utifully tender and melodious phrase, ›ortrait with outstretched arms, hardly alarmed maidens.

›-hoe! Yo-ho-hoe! Yo-ho-hoe!
on the raging deep
vas, black the mast?

THE DREAM—SENTA AND ERIC

## Versank ich jetzt (Do I Dream?)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Otto Goritz, Baritone**
(*In German*) **88370 12-inch, $3.00**

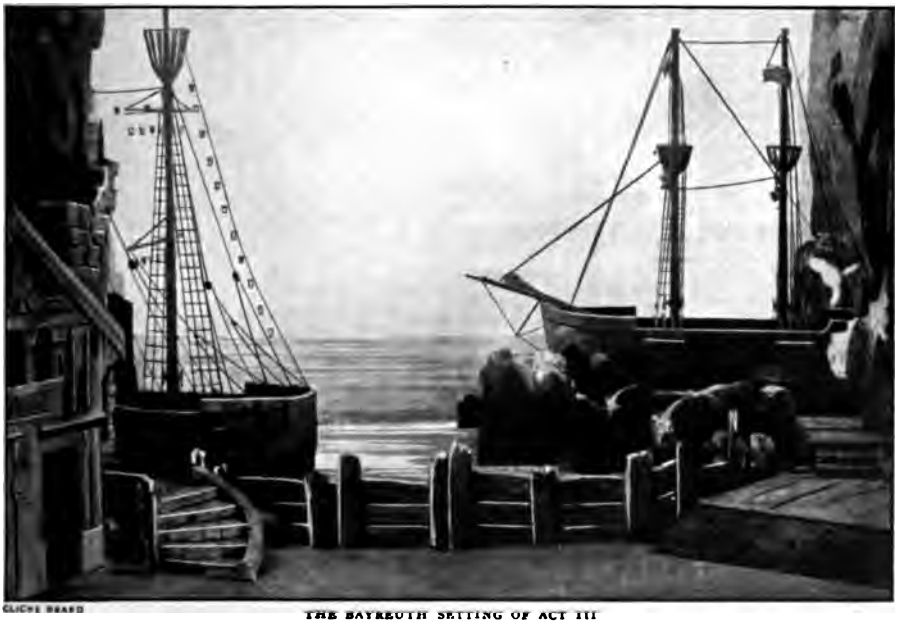
## Wohl kenn' ich Weibes (Woman's Holy Duties)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Otto Goritz, Baritone**
(*German*) **88371 12-inch, $3.00**

At the close of the duet, the *Dutchman* and *Senta* rejoice at his deliverance from the spell:

THE DUTCHMAN:
A healing balm for all my sorrows
From out her plighted word doth flow.
SENTA:
'Twas surely wrought by pow'r of magic
That I should his deliv'rer be.
THE DUTCHMAN:
Hear this! Release at last is granted!
Hear this, ye mighty:
Your power is now laid low!
SENTA:
Here may a home at last be granted,
Here may he rest, from danger free!
What is the power within me working?
What is the task it bids me do?
Almighty, now that high Thou hast raised me,
Grant me Thy strength, that I be true!

*Daland* re-enters and is delighted to find such a complete understanding between the two. He invites the *Dutchman* to the fête that evening in celebration of the safe arrival of the



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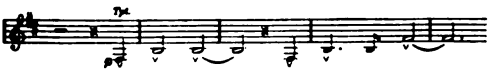
themselves in terror,
With mocking laughter,
men also disappear and the ship is in darkness

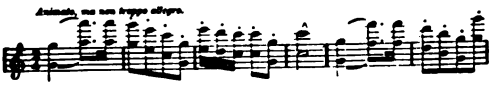
HUFFERT, BERLIN

SCHUMANN-HEINK AS MARY

Two variations of the exquisite theme representing *Redemption by Woman's Love* are given. We first hear the magnificent strain played by the orchestra in Act III when *Senta* plunges into the sea, after the *Dutchman*, believing her false, has sailed away; then follows the theme first heard in *Senta's* ballad, one of the finest numbers in the opera. Then appears the second of the two principal themes: the *Flying Dutchman* motive:



a weird melody representing the restless wanderer. In strong contrast comes the rollicking chorus of *Daland's* sailors, "Steersman, Leave the Watch," and the fantastic dance which follows:



CLICHE VAN DER WEYDE

THE LATE SIR HENRY IRVING AS VANDERDECKEN

The Fantasia is brought to an effective close with a portion of the great duet between *Senta* and the *Dutchman*, leading up to a splendid climax.

FINAL SCENE OF THE "FLYING DUTCHMAN" AT THE LYCEUM THEATRE, LONDON (FROM AN OLD PRINT)

(Italian)

# FORZA DEL DESTINO

*(Lah Fort'-zah del Des-tee'-noh)*

(English)

# E FORCE OF DESTINY

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

usic by Giuseppe Verdi. First produced at St. Petersburg, Novem-
on June 22, 1867; in Milan 1869; Paris, 1876; Berlin, 1878. First
February 2, 1865, with Carozzi-Zucchi, Massimilliani and Bellini. It
fifteen years, when it was produced at the Academy of Music, with
y the composer, the cast including Annie Louise Cary, Campanini,
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on in North America subsequent to that time was that of the
any in San Francisco several years ago.

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## CHARACTERS

LATRAVA, *(Kal-ah-trah'-vah)* . . . . . Bass

A. } his children . . . . . { Soprano / Baritone

*Ahl-vah'-roh)* . . . . . Tenor

FRANCISCAN FRIARS . . . . . Bass

ır . . . . . Baritone

's maid . . . . . .

## ACT I

SCENE—*Drawing Room in the House of the Marquis of Calatrava*

*Don Alvaro,* a noble youth from India, becomes enamored with *Donna Leonora,* the daughter of the *Marquis of Calatrava,* who is strongly opposed to the alliance. *Leonora,* knowing her father's aversion, determines to make her escape with *Alvaro,* aided by *Curra,* her confidant.

She is in the act of eloping when her father appears, and is accidentally slain by her lover. *Leonora,* horror-stricken, rushes to her father, who curses her with his dying breath.

## ACT II

SCENE I—*An Inn at Hornacuelos*

The second act begins in a village inn, where *Don Carlo,* son of the murdered *Marquis,* is disguised as a student in order to better avenge his father. *Leonora,* who is traveling in male attire, arrives at the inn, and is horror-stricken at seeing her brother, who has sworn to kill her lover *Alvaro* and herself. She flees to the convent of Hornacuelos, arriving at night.

SCENE II—*The Convent of Hornacuelos*

Kneeling in the moonlight, she prays to the Virgin to protect her. This beautiful prayer is splendidly sung here by Mme. Boninsegna, accompanied by the chorus of La Scala.

### Madre, pietosa Vergine (Holy Mother, Have Mercy)

**By Celestina Boninsegna, Soprano, and La Scala Chorus**

(*In Italian*) **92031 12-inch, $3.00**

The effect produced by the solo voice with the background of male voices singing the *Venite* in the chapel is powerful and thrilling, and forms one of the finest of the Victor reproductions of Verdi's scenes.

LEONORA:
Oh, Holy Virgin,
Have mercy on my sins!
Send help from Heaven
To erase from my heart
That ungrateful one.
(*The friars are heard in their morning hymn.*)

THE FRIARS:
*Venite, adoremus et procelamus*
*An te Deum, ploremus, ploremus*
*Coram Domino, coram Domino qui fecit nos.*

LEONORA:
O sublime song,
Which like incense,
Ascends heavenward.
It gives faith, comfort,
And quiet to my soul.
I will go to the holy sanctuary.
The pious father cannot refuse to receive me.
O Lord! Have mercy on me,
Nor abandon me.
(*She rings the bell of the convent.*)

*Leonora* is admitted to the convent by the *Abbot,* to whom she confesses. He procures her a nun's robe and directs her to a cave, assuring her that a curse will rest upon anyone who seeks to know her name or to enter her abode. In her gratitude she sings the second great air.

### La Vergine degli angeli (May Angels Guard Thee)

**By Celestina Boninsegna, Soprano, and La Scala Chorus**

(*In Italian*) **91075 10-inch, $2.00**

Again we have the effect of the solemn chant of the priests blending with the prayer of *Leonora.*

THE FRIARS:
*La Vergine degli Angeli*
*Vi copra del suo manto,*
*E voi protegga vigile*
*Di Dio l'Angelo santo.*

LEONORA:
Let the Holy Virgin
Cover you with her mantle,
And the angels of God
Watch over you!

(*Leonora kisses the hand of the Abbot and goes to her retreat. The monks return to the church.*)

## ACT III

SCENE—*A Military Camp near Velletri*

In Act III we are transported to Italy, where we meet *Alvaro,* who has enlisted in the Spanish army. In a sad but beautiful air he recounts his misfortunes, and appeals to heaven for pity.

### O tu che in seno agli Angeli (Thou Heavenly One)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **88207 12-inch, $3.00**

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ter of Ineas. He was
. . . I was born in
prison. . . . The desert educated me; unknown is my royal descent! My ancestors aspired to a throne. Alas! They were beheaded! Oh, when will my misfortune cease? Thou who hast ascended in heaven, all beautiful and pure from mortal sins, do not forget to look on me, a poor sufferer, who without hope fights eagerly for death against destiny! Leonora, help me and have mercy on my sufferings!

he saves the life of *Don Carlo,* whose wanderings in search of ven-
this region. Both having assumed fictitious names, they do not know
eternal friendship. Shortly afterward, during an engagement, *Don*
ought in on a stretcher by his soldiers. Thinking himself dying, he
s and requests that he be left alone with *Don Carlo.* The great duet,
e opera, then occurs.

## t'ora (Swear in This Hour)

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| **iso, Tenor, and Antonio Scotti, Baritone** | *(In Italian)* | **89001** | **12-inch,** | **$4.00** |
| **urphy and Reinald Werrenrath** | *(In Italian)* | **70103** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| **ra and Giuseppe Maggi** | *(In Italian)* | ***68213** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| **za and Ernesto Caronna** | *(In Italian)* | ***63174** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |

confides a case of letters to his friend *Don Carlo* to be destroyed,
he will not look at the contents. *Carlo* swears, and the friends bid
ell.

*Alvaro*, however, does not die, and in the next scene his identity becomes known to *Don Carlo*, who challenges him. They fight, and *Alvaro*, thinking he has killed his enemy, resolves to end his days in a monastery.

## ACT IV

SCENE—*Same as Act II, Scene II*

Five years have now elapsed and the last act reveals again the cloister of Hornacuelos, where *Alvaro*, now *Father Raphael*, is discovered by *Don Carlo*, who with a persistence rivaling that of a Kentucky mountaineer, revives the feud and tries to force him to renew the combat. *Alvaro* finally consents, and they agree to fight in a deserted spot near by. This agreement is expressed in a fiery duet.

### Invano Alvaro! (In Vain, Alvaro!)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor, and Pasquale Amato, Baritone**

(*In Italian*) **89052 12-inch, $4.00**

The host of Victor opera-lovers who are familiar with the wonderful duet from Act III, by Caruso and Scotti, will note with delight the issue of another famous duet from this opera, sung by Caruso and Amato.

This great scene has been recorded in two parts. *Carlo* demands that *Alvaro* renew the feud, but the priest refuses, saying that vengeance is with God. *Don Carlo* taunts him with a terrible persistence, until the monk, goaded past endurance, consents to fight to the death.

CARLOS:
In vain, Alvaro,
Thou hast hid from the world,
And concealed thy coward heart
With the habit of a monk!
My hate and desire for vengeance
Have enabled me to persist
Until I have discovered your retreat!
In this lonely spot
We shall not be disturbed,
And your blood shall wipe out
The stain upon my honor;
That I swear before God!

ALVARO (*recognising him*):
Don Carlos! Thou livest!

CARLOS:
Yes! and for long years
I have sought and now find thee.
By thy hand I fell,
But God restored my strength
That I may avenge thy crimes!
Here are two swords,
Thy choice now make!

ALVARO:
Leave me! By this holy habit
Thou may'st see my repentance!

CARLOS (*in fury*):
Coward!
Thou shalt not hide behind thy robes!

ALVARO (*agitated*):
Coward! Oh, God
Give me strength to forgive thee!

### Le minaccie, i fieri accenti (Thy Menaces Wild!)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor, and Pasquale Amato, Baritone**

(*In Italian*) **89053 12-inch, $4.00**

**By Titta Ruffo, Baritone, and Emanuele Ischierdo, Tenor**

(*In Italian*) **92504 12-inch, 4.00**

**By Carlo Barrera, Tenor, and Giuseppe Maggi, Baritone**

(*Double-faced—See page 168*) (*In Italian*) **68213 12-inch, 1.25**

*Alvaro* recovers his poise and endeavors to appeal to the reason of his enemy, showing him the futility of reopening the feud. Part II begins as follows:

ALVARO (*firmly*):
Thy menaces wild
Be heard only by the winds,
I cannot listen!
Brother, let us submit to fate
And the will of God!

CARLOS:
Thou hast left me
A sister deserted and dishonored!

ALVARO:
No! I swear it!
I adore her with a holy love.

CARLOS (*furiously*):
Thy cowardly pleadings
Cannot move me to pity.
Take thy sword and fight!

ALVARO:
Brother, let me kneel to thee.
(*He kneels.*)

CARLOS:
Ah, by such an act
Thou showest thy base origin!

ALVARO (*rising, unable to control himself*):
My lineage is brighter than a jewel—

CARLOS (*sneeringly*):
A jewel flaw'd and discolored!

ALVARO (*in fury*):
Thou liest!
Give me a sword. Lead on!

CARLOS:
At last!

ALVARO (*recovering himself*):
No, Satan shall not thus triumph.
(*Throws down his sword.*)

CARLOS:
Then coward, I brand thee with dishonor!
(*Strikes him.*)

ALVARO:
Oh, God, no more!
(*To Don Carlos*)
Defend thyself!

BOTH:
We both must die,
Our hatred will be appeased
And Satan will claim us for his own!

## ACT V

SCENE—*A Wild Spot Near Hornacuelos*

ges to the vicinity of *Leonora's* cave. Pale and worn, the unhappy he cave, and in another great air implores Heaven to let her die, as t her lover.

### (Mercy, O My Lord)

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| azzini, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88502 | 12-inch, $3.00 |
| Boninsegna, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 92027 | 12-inch, 3.00 |

LEONORA:
Mercy, oh Lord!
My sorrows are too great to bear.
This fatal love has been my undoing,
But still do I love him,
Nor can I blot his image from my heart;
Yet 'tis Heaven's decree that I shall see him
no more!
Oh Lord, let me die,
Since death alone can give me peace!

aks, and *Leonora* retires within the cave just as *Alvaro* and *Carlo* ap-
mbat. *Alvaro* recognizes the spot as an accursed one, but declares
e for the ending of so deadly a feud.
ortally wounded, and desiring to repent his sins asks *Alvaro*, who is
*ael*, to confess him, but the monk is under the curse of the cave and
all the friar who dwells in the cave; *Leonora* rushes forth, sees her
embraces him, but true to his vow he makes a dying effort and stabs

ne has been put by Verdi into the form of a trio.

FRA DIAVOLO—ACT III

# FRA DIAVOLO

*(Frah Deeah'-voh-loh)*

## COMIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

AUBER

Libretto by Scribe, devised from the story of Lesueur's earlier opera, *La Caverne*. Music by Daniel François Esprit Auber. First production at the *Opéra Comique*, Paris, January 28, 1830. Presented in Vienna, 1830. London, at the Drury Lane Theatre, in English, November 3, 1831; in Italian, at the Lyceum Theatre, 1857. First American production at the Old Park Theatre, New York, in English, June 20, 1833. Produced in New Orleans in 1836. It was not until 1864 that it was given in Italian in New York, at the Academy of Music, with Clara Louise Kellogg. Colonel Mapleson gave three performances of the opera at the Academy of Music in 1885. Zelie de Lussan made her début here in the part with the Boston Ideals in 1888. Recently revived at the Manhattan Opera and afterwards at the New Theatre by the Metropolitan forces.

### Characters

FRA DIAVOLO, calling himself "Marquis of San Marco" . . . . . Tenor
LORD ROCBURG (Lord Allcash), an English traveler . . . . . Tenor
LADY PAMELA (Lady Allcash), his wife . . . . . Soprano
LORENZO, Chief of the Carabiniers . . . . . Tenor
MATTEO, the innkeeper . . . . . Bass
ZERLINA, his daughter . . . . . Soprano
GIACOMO and BEPPO, companions of Fra Diavolo . . . . . Bass-Tenor

*The Scene: Italy, in the neighborhood of Terracina.*

## ɔK OF THE OPERA—FRA DIAVOLO

The story of *Fra Diavolo* is melodramatic in the highest degree. *Lorenzo*, in command of the Roman Dragoons, is leaving *Matteo's* inn to capture *Diavolo* and his brigands, just as *Lord Rocburg* and his wife, *Pamela*, who are traveling under the names of *Lord* and *Lady Allcash*, arrive, lamenting their misfortunes, having been robbed on the road. Another traveler, calling himself *Marquis of San Marco*, who is no other than *Fra Diavolo*, appears soon after and is also welcomed by the innkeeper, *Matteo*, and his daughter, *Zerlina*. *Lorenzo* is in love with *Zerlina*, but she has been promised by her father to a rich peasant. The *Marquis* openly courts *Lady Allcash* and at the same time manages to relieve her of her jewels.

*Giacomo* and *Beppo*, two of *Diavolo's* companions, appear on the scene, and when all are asleep, are admitted through the window by the bandit. All three conceal themselves in *Zerlina's* room, and after she has retired they proceed to again rob *Lord* and *Lady Allcash*. *Lorenzo* now returns, having killed most of the band of robbers and recovered the Englishman's property.

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: at the inn in time to
but *Diavolo* covers the
ındits by pretending to
some lady, arousing the
nglishman and *Lorenzo*,
m to a duel.

opera shows the forest
ake place. As *Lorenzo*

LORD AND LADY ALLCASH

The medley opens with the chorus of greeting to the soldiers:

Victoria! Victoria! Joy now reigns around.

Then comes a bit of *Zerlina's* ballad about the dread *Fra Diavolo*, "On Yonder Rock Reclining," followed by the Easter Chorus. The prayer in Act III, "Blest Powers That Still the Good Protect," next occurs. The remaining numbers are the boast of *Diavolo* as he sees victory for all his schemes: "The lord's gold and his wife all are mine!" and the chorus of thanksgiving at the final capture and death of the bandit, sung to the melody of *Diavolo's* air in Act I.

DIAVOLO AND ZERLINA

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| **Overture to Fra Diavolo** By Pryor's Band<br>*Marriage of Figaro Overture* (*Mozart*) *By Pryor's Band* | 35109 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Fra Diavolo Selection** By Vessella's Italian Band<br>*Daughter of the Regiment Selection* (*Donizetti*) *By Vessella's Italian Band* | 35191 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Agnese, la zitella** (Agnes, Beautiful Flower) By Pietro Lara, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>*Barbiere—Guarda Don Bartolo* *By Huguet, Corsi, Pini-Corsi and Badini* | 63171 | 10-inch, | .75 |

ZERLINA'S ROOM—ACT II

THE WOLF'S GLEN SCENE

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# SCHÜTZ
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(English)
# THE FREESHOOTER

CLAIRE DUX AS AGATHA

The word *freischutz*, probably better translated as "free marksman," means a *Schütz* or marksman who uses charmed bullets which do not depend on the aim of the shooter.

## Overture to Freischutz

By Sousa's Band *35000 12-inch, $1.25
By La Scala Orchestra
*62636 10-inch, .75

The overture presents the story of the opera in a condensed form. An introduction with a tender horn passage leads us into the forest. Night is falling and mysterious sounds are heard. The *allegro*, representing the doubts of the good but vacillating young hunter, begins, and the sound of the magic bullets can be heard as they drop in the melting pot. Next a beautiful melody, portraying love and happiness, appears, but this in turn is succeeded by another mood of distress. At length the triumphant strain indicative of the final victory is sounded, leading up to a splendid climax.

Sousa's Band has given a stirring performance of this brilliant overture, while the rendition by La Scala Orchestra will please those who prefer orchestral music.

The story of the opera is founded on a German tradition, told among huntsmen, that whoever will sell his soul to *Zamiel*, the Demon Hunter, may receive seven magic bullets, which will always hit the mark. For each victim whom he succeeds in securing for the Demon, his own life is extended, and he receives a fresh supply of the charmed missiles.

*Cuno*, head ranger to *Ottakar*, a Bohemian prince, has two assistants, *Max* and *Caspar*, both excellent marksmen. *Max* is in love with *Agnes*, *Cuno's* daughter, who has promised to be his bride only on condition that he proves himself the best shot at a forthcoming contest. This contest, however, is won by *Kilian*, a peasant. *Max*, in a dramatic air, bewails his bad luck.

## Durch die Walder (Thro' the Forest)

By Daniel Beddoe, Tenor
(*In English*) 74244 12-inch, $1.50

He believes he is cursed by an evil spirit which causes his hand to fail.

MAX:
O, I can bear my fate no longer!
E'en hope is banished from my soul!
What unknown grief thus haunts my spirit,
And o'er me works its dark control?
Thro' the forests, thro' the meadows,
Joy was wont with me to stray,
While my rifle, never failing,
Made each bird and beast my prey.
When at length from chase returning,
Ere home rose before my sight,
Agnes, smiling met me,
Cloth'd in beauty's heavenly light.
But now am I by Heaven forsaken.

*Caspar*, who has already put himself in the power of *Zamiel*, sees here an opportunity to ex-

A FRENCH ARTIST'S WEIRD CONCEPTION OF THE BULLET-CASTING SCENE

*Double-Faced Record—See page 175.

d his own days of grace, and advises *Max* to
k the magician and secure some of the magic
lets.

He finally induces *Max* to meet him in the Wolf's
n in order to receive the magic bullets, which
declares will always hit the mark. *Max* departs
*Caspar* gives vent to a fierce joy in a florid and
matic number.

In the meantime *Agnes* is anxiously awaiting her
er and is much alarmed at his non-appearance.
*nie*, her cousin, endeavors to cheer her by singing
ay air.

CASPAR

## nnie's Air, "Comes a Gallant Youth"

**By Marie A. Michailowa, Soprano**
(*In Russian*) **61134 10-inch, $1.00**

She describes playfully the attitude a shy maiden
uld assume when the right young man happens
ng.

ANNIE:
Comes a gallant youth towards me,
Be he golden hair'd or dark,
Eyes that flash as he regards me,
Him my captive I will mark!

Eyes bent down to earth for shyness,
As befits a modest maid,
With a stolen look of slyness
Yet may ev'rything he said!

PRINCE OTTOKAR PARDONS MAX—FINAL SCENE OF THE OPERA

## DOUBLE-FACED FREISCHUTZ RECORDS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Overture to Freischütz** | **By Sousa's Band** | 35000 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| *Carmen Selection* | *By Sousa's Band* | | | |
| **Overture to Freischütz** | **By La Scala Orchestra** | 62636 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Preghiera** (Agatha's Prayer) | Emilia Corsi, Soprano (*Italian*) | | | |
| **Prayer from Freischütz** | **By Victor Brass Quartet** | 16320 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| *Venetian Love Song* (*Canzone Amorosa*) | *By Victor Orchestra* | | | |

FIELD OF LEIPZIG—ACT III (CARUSO, DESTINN AND AMATO)

(Italian)

# GERMANIA

*(Jaer-mah'-nee-ah)*

## PROLOGUE

SCENE—*An Abandoned Mill near Nuremberg*

A company of students, under the leadership of *Giovanni Palm*, have occupied an old mill, and are shipping sacks of grain, which really contain political documents intended to rouse the people to revolt. Prominent among the students is *Worms*, who previously had a love affair with *Ricke*, a young girl who is now betrothed to *Loewe*, the poet and warm friend of *Worms*.

*Loewe* is expected to arrive at any moment, and *Ricke* dreads his coming, as she has made up her mind to tell him her guilty secret. *Worms*, however, divines her purpose and bids her keep silent, as in the duel which was sure to occur *Loewe* would likely be the one to die.

*Loewe* arrives and is joyfully greeted by the conspirators. He encourages them to fresh efforts in his noble aria.

### Studenti, udite! (Students, Hear Me!)

By Enrico Caruso, Tenor (*In Italian*) 87053 10-inch, $2.00

Caruso delivers this inspiring number with splendid effect, showing well the beauty and power of his marvelous voice.

LARGE CARUSO AS FEDERICO

The enthusiasm which follows *Loewe's* great address is rudely interrupted by the arrival of the police, who seize *Palm* and take him away to his death.

## ACT I

SCENE—*A Cottage in the Black Forest*

Seven years have elapsed. Hither *Loewe* has come after the disastrous campaign of 1806, which followed the plotting in the old mill. He lives in this hut with his aged mother and the two girls, *Ricke* and her sister *Jane*. *Worms* has disappeared and is supposed to be dead.

*Loewe* is about to be married to *Ricke*, and the bridesmaids now arrive to deck the cottage with flowers. *Ricke*, thinking of her past, is melancholy, but the marriage ceremony is performed and the bride and bridegroom are left alone. *Federico* clasps her in his arms and sings his beautiful air to the eyes of his bride.

### Non chiuder gli occhi vaghi (Close Not Those Dreamy Eyes)

By Enrico Caruso, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 87054 10-inch, $2.00

Forgetting the past, *Ricke* yields herself to the joy of the moment and tenderly kisses him, when suddenly from the forest is heard a familiar voice singing an old student song. "*Worms!*" joyfully cries *Federico*, and runs out to meet his old friend, who is wasted and battle-scarred.

*Worms*, in a dramatic aria, tells his friend how he has literally come back from the dead. He relates his thrilling escape from prison, his delight in his new-found liberty, and his earnest desire for vengeance.

*Worms* is astonished to see *Ricke*, who has been listening half hidden behind the folds of a curtain. She looks coldly at him and he uneasily says he must be on his way. Federico

HIS SCORE TO D'ANNUNZIO

protests, but *Worms* insists and departs. *Ricke*, overcome by this reminder of her past misfortune, resolves to leave her husband, and writes him a note and flees into the forest. *Federico* returns, reads the note, and wrongfully concludes that she has fled with *Worms*.

## ACT II

SCENE—*A Cellar in Konigsberg*

In this underground retreat *Worms* is again plotting against *Napoleon*. A meeting of the Council is in progress, when *Federico* appears and demands that *Worms* shall fight with him to the death, but *Worms*, kneeling, asks *Federico* to kill him. *Federico* replies with a violent blow in the face, at which *Worms* decides to fight him, and preparations for the duel are begun. They are interrupted by the entrance of *Queen Louise*, who suggests that such brave men had better be using their swords for their country. Fired with enthusiasm, the enemies embrace each other and swear to die for Germany.

## EPILOGUE

SCENE—*The Battlefield of Leipzig*

(Italian)

# LA GIOCONDA

*(Lah Joh-kon'-dah)*

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Libretto by Arrigo Boïto; an adaptation of Victor Hugo's drama, "Angelo." Music by Amilcare Ponchielli. First presented at La Scala, Milan, April 8, 1876. Rewritten by Boïto and given at Genoa, December, 1876, and the following February at La Scala. First London production, June 7, 1883. Given in Petrograd, January 30, 1883; in Vienna, April 28, 1883; in France, at Nice, December 29, 1886. First New York production, December 20, 1883, with Nilsson, Scalchi, Fursch-Madi, del Puente and Novara. Revived at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, December 25, 1913.

PROGRAM OF FIRST PERFORMANCE (MILAN, 1876)

### Characters

LA GIOCONDA, a ballad singer ..... Soprano
LA CIECA, (*See-ay'-kah*) her blind mother ..... Contralto
ALVISE, (*Al-see'-zeh*) one of the heads of State Inquisition .. Bass
LAURA, his wife ..... Mezzo-Soprano
ENZO GRIMALDO, a Genoese noble ..... Tenor
BARNABA, a spy of the Inquisition ..... Baritone
ZUANE, a boatman ..... Bass
ISEPO, public letter-writer ..... Tenor
A PILOT ..... Bass

Monks, Senators, Sailors, Shipwrights, Ladies, Gentlemen, Populace, Masquers, etc.

*The action takes place in Venice, in the seventeenth century.*

Gioconda is a work of great beauty, full of wonderful arias, duets and ensembles, with fine choral effects, and a magnificent ballet. The book is founded on Hugo's "Tyrant of Padua," and tells a most dramatic story, which, however, cannot be called inviting, as the librettist has crowded into it nearly all the crimes he could think of!

COPY'T MISHKIN DESTINN AS GIOCONDA

But the average audience does not concern itself much with these horrors, being engaged in listening to the beautiful music, and admiring the splendid scenes and colorful action.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Street near the Adriatic Shore, Venice*

*Gioconda*, a ballad singer who is in love with *Enzo*, a Genoese noble and captain of a ship now in the harbor, supports her blind mother, *La Cieca*, by singing in the streets of Venice. She has attracted the attention of *Barnaba*, an influential police spy, and he plans to gain her affections.

This is the situation at the rise of the curtain. The stage is filled with people: peasants, sailors, masquers, all in holiday attire. *Barnaba* is leaning against a pillar, watching the gay scene. The chorus sings the opening number, *Sports and Feasting*.

SCENE—ACT I

ɔorts and Feasting!)

*Alvise*, Chief of the Council, enters with his wife *Laura*, formerly betrothed to *Enzo*. *Laura* pleads for *Cieca*, and she is protected by *Alvise*. The blind woman voices her gratitude in this lovely song, which is familiar to most concert-goers.

## Voce di donna (Angelic Voice)

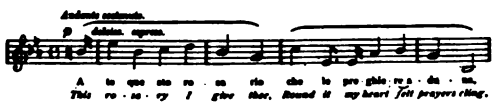
COPY'T DUPONT

HOMER AS LAURA

**By Louise Homer, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **85104 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Margarete Ober, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **64443 10-inch, 1.00**

This beautiful air of the blind mother is considered the finest single number in Ponchielli's work, and is undoubtedly one of the loveliest gems in this or any other opera.

Certain it is that no *Ciecas* of present memory have ever delivered this romance with such richness of voice and such touching pathos. This beautiful passage—




which is sung as *La Cieca* presents the rosary, is perhaps the most effective part of the aria.

The singing of this *Voce di donna* by these artists makes these records the gems of the Victor's fine production of *La Gioconda*, and one or both of them should be in every opera collection.

LA CIECA:
Thanks unto thee, angelic voice,
My fetters asunder are broken;
I cannot see the face of her
By whom those words were spoken.
(*Takes the rosary from her belt.*)
This rosary I offer thee—no richer boon possessing—
Deign to accept the humble gift, 'twill bring to thee a blessing,
And on thy head may bliss descend; I'll ever pray for thee!

All go into the church except *Enzo*, who stands gazing after *Laura*, having recognized his former love. *Barnaba* approaches him and tells him that *Laura* plans to visit the Genoese noble's ship that night. *Enzo*, whose love for *Laura* has revived at the sight of her, is delighted at this news, and forgetting *Gioconda*, he returns to his ship.

This scene has been put by Verdi into the form of a dramatic duet, sung here by Conti and Badini, of the La Scala forces.

## Enzo Grimaldo (Duet Enzo and Barnaba)

**By F. Conti, Tenor, and E. Badini, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) ***45033 10-inch, $1.00**

BARNABA (*approaching Enzo*):
Enzo Grimaldo,
Prince of Santa Fior, thou art pensive.
ENZO (*aside*):
I am discovered!
BARNABA:
What magic stupor steals away thy senses?
'Tis of the Lady Laura, Alvise's wife, thou'rt thinking.
ENZO (*astonished*):
Who art thou?
BARNABA (*impressively*):
I know all;
Can penetrate thy thoughts, however secret.
Thy birthplace was Genoa!
ENZO:
Prince I am not, but sailor. Yonder's my ship.
I am Dalmatian, Enzo Giordan.

COPY'T MISHKIN

CARUSO AS ENZO

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 187.*

r me. Proscribed thou

l, by chainless impulse,
ou didst love a maiden
ienoa, but she another's

ı to Gioconda.

singer!
sister, but Laura as thy

bandoned, dreamed not

velvet mask, thy beau-

ruises,
r husband stay at the

il. Laura shall be on

tions await thee!

heart is filled,
!
, gloomy messenger of

demon-in-chief
ı. Read this. Beware

*ows the letters "C. X."*
*nbroidered in silver on*

COPY'T MISHKIN

MARTIN AS ENZO

But ah, sweet Laura, my adored,
Bring to my arms again!
BARNABA (to Enzo)

LAUDE

ENZO'S VESSEL—ACT II

This is one of the most popular numbers in the opera, its beautiful melody and rhythmical swing being a welcome relief in the midst of so much that is gloomy.

After taking careful note of the strength of the crew, *Barnaba* sends his aide for the police galleys and leaves in his boat.

*Enzo* now appears, and is greeted by his men with enthusiasm. He is in a gay humor, thinking of *Laura's* expected visit, and bids the sailors go below while he keeps the watch.

Left alone, he gives expression to his joy in this great aria, one of the most beautiful in the whole range of opera. Caruso sings the number with exquisite purity of tone and a lavish outpouring of voice.

## Cielo e mar (Heaven and Ocean)

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| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 88246 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64409 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Florencio Constantino, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64070 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Franco de Gregorio, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | *45027 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

Especially noticeable is this fine passage—

which the tenor delivers in splendid style, fairly thrilling his hearers.

Other fine records of this effective number, by Martinelli, Constantino and de Gregorio, are also offered.

ENZO:

Heaven and ocean! yon ethereal veil
Is radiant as a holy altar,
My angel, will she come from heaven?
My angel, will she come o'er ocean?
Here I await her, I breathe with rapture
The soft zephyrs fill'd with love.
Mortals oft, when fondly sighing,
Find ye a torment, O golden, golden dreams.
Come then, dearest, here I'm waiting;
Wildly panting is my heart.
Come, then, dearest! oh come, my dearest!
Oh come, taste the kisses that magic bliss impart!
Oh come! Oh come! Oh come!

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 187.*

*Laura* now appears, and after a rapturous embrace, the lovers plan to set sail when the wind rises. *Enzo* goes below to rouse the men, after saying:

ENZO:
For flight now prepare thee. O my beloved,
Rest here awhile.

*Laura*, alone, exclaims: "My heart is full of happy tears," then kneels at the foot of the altar and prays for forgiveness.

## Stella del marinar (Star of the Mariner)

**By Margarete Ober, Mezzo-Soprano**
(*In Italian*) **64442** **10-inch, $1.00**

LAURA:
Star of the mariner, Virgin most holy!
Be my defender in this hour of trial!
Thou seest by how much ardor, by how much faith,
I am led to adventure this audacious step!
Under thy mantle, kneeling sinners shelt'ring,
Find refuge for one who is praying and trembling.
Send down, in answer to my fervent prayer,
Upon my head, O Virgin, full of mercy,
A blessing from on high!

Mme. Ober, whose *Laura* is one of her most successful rôles, and who made a pronounced impression in the revival of Ponchielli's opera at the Metropolitan, sings this lovely prayer in a manner which brings out in a marked degree the beauty of her voice.

*Gioconda*, disguised, enters and denounces *Laura*. They sing a which each declares her love for *Enzo* and defies the other.

## gor del creato! (I Adore Him!)

The guilty woman now enters at his summons and is denounced by him. He orders her to take poison, and leaves her. She is about to obey, when *Gioconda*, who has been concealed in the room, appears, takes the poison from her and gives her a narcotic, which will produce a death-like trance. *Laura* drinks this and *Gioconda* exits just as *Alvise* appears. Seeing the empty phial on the table he believes *Laura* has obeyed his will.

The second scene shows a magnificent hall in the palace, where *Alvise* is giving a masked ball. The famous *Dance of the Hours* is given for the entertainment of the guests.

## Dance of the Hours

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Victor Herbert's Orch. | *55044 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| By Victor Herbert's Orch. | 70070 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| By Victor Orchestra | *35087 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| By Victor Orchestra | 31443 | 12-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Wm. H. Reitz (*Xylophone*) | *17147 | 10-inch, | .75 |

This is one of the most beautiful of ballets and symbolizes, like many other modern Italian ballets, the struggle between the conflicting powers of light and darkness, progress and ignorance. The music is fascinating in the extreme.

*Enzo* is present among the maskers, and when *Barnaba* whispers in his ear that *Laura* is dead, he unmasks and denounces *Alvise*, who causes his arrest. The great finale begins with *Enzo's* solo:

## Già ti veggo (I Behold Thee)

By Lotti, de Gregorio, Badini and Chorus
(*In Italian*) *55019 12-inch, $1.50

COPY'T MISHKIN

ANCONA AS BARNABA

The emotions of the various characters may be understood by the quotations below.

ENZO (*aside*):
I behold thee motionless, pallid,
Shrouded in thy snowy veil!
Thou art dead, love! thou art dead, love!
Ah, my darling, hopeless I wail.
The sharp axe for me is waiting,
Opens wide a dark abyss;
But to thee shall torture guide me,
Soon we'll share celestial bliss!

GIOCONDA:
Sadly fall the tear-drops,
In the silence of despair;
Break, oh heart! sad eyes, rain torrents!
Fate, thy sharpest doom prepare!

BARNABA (*aside to Gioconda*):
Yield thee, yield thee! all around thee
See what pow'r I have for ill!

GIOCONDA (*aside to Barnaba*):
Do thou save him, bring him safe out there,
Close by the Redentor, and then
Myself I will surrender
To thee, fearfulest of men.

BARNABA (*to Gioconda*):
Though despair may prompt thy offer,
I accept it for my part.

LA CIECA:
Thou art weeping, O Gioconda,
Let me fold thee to my breast.
Never love, like love maternal,
Can encounter every test.

ALVISE:
'Mid the splendor this fête surrounding,
Thou art unwelcome, cavalier;
But, ere long, new scenes of horror
Shall from thee attention claim.
Thou shalt soon see if I am watchful
Of the honor of my name!

To complete his revenge, *Alvise* now draws aside a curtain and shows the guests the body of *Laura*, acknowledging that he took her life. Horror and indignation are expressed by those present, and *Enzo* attempts to kill *Alvise*. He fails, is seized by the guards, and is led away to prison as the curtain falls.

## ACT IV

SCENE—*A ruined palace on an island in the Adriatic. Venice visible in the distance.*

To this desolate island *Gioconda* has managed to bring the unconscious *Laura*, in an endeavor to save her. As the curtain rises two men are carrying the insensible form into the ruin. *Gioconda* asks the men to seek out her mother, whom she fears never to see again. Left alone, she approaches the table, looks fixedly at a flask of poison, and begins her terrible song, one of the most dramatic of the numbers in Ponchielli's work.

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 187.*

K OF THE OPERA—LA GIOCONDA

THE RUINED PALACE—ACT IV

Only Remains)

n, Soprano (*In Italian*) 88478 12-inch, $3.00

## Vo' farmi più gaia (Thou'rt Mine Now!)

**By A. Rossi Murino and E. Badini** (*In Italian*) **55017 12-inch, $1.50**

COPY'T MISHKIN

AMATO AS BARNABA

BARNABA:
Thou'rt mine now! and swift from this desolate heart,
Expelled by love's rays, sombre shadows depart.

GIOCONDA (*to Barnaba, who is approaching her*):
Restrain awhile thy ardent passion!
Thou soon shalt in splendor Gioconda behold!
For thee I am braiding my clustering tresses
With purple and gold!
(*Concealing her terror, she adorns herself.*)
With glittering jewels, the gay tinsel worn nightly
By madcaps theatrical, cover'd I'll be:
Now list to the song that this ardent young siren
Will sing unto thee!
I keep to my compact, no false oath was mine;
(*Changing her tone.*)
Thou claimest Gioconda? Well, demon accursed,
Gioconda is thine!
(*She stabs herself to the heart with the dagger that she had secreted while adorning herself, and falls dead at his feet.*)

BARNABA (*in horror*):
Ah, stay thee! 'Tis a jest!
(*With fiendish joy.*)
Well, then, thou shalt hear this,
And die ever damned!
(*Bending over the corpse of Gioconda, and screaming furiously into her ear.*)
LAST NIGHT THY MOTHER DID OFFEND ME:
I HAVE STRANGLED HER!
(*Wildly.*) She hears me not!
(*With a cry of half-choked rage he rushes from the ruin. The curtain falls.*)

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## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS LA GIOCONDA RECORDS

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| **Figlia che reggi tremulo pié** (Daughter, My Faltering Steps) By Murino, Nunes and Badini (*In Italian*)<br>**Vo' farmi più gaia** (Thou'rt Mine Now) By A. Rossi Murino, Soprano; E. Badini, Baritone | 55017 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| **Già ti vedi** (I Behold Thee) By F. Lotti, Soprano; de Gregorio, Tenor; E. Badini, Baritone (*In Italian*)<br>**Sì! morir ella de'!** By Amleto Galli, Bass (*In Italian*) | 55019 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| **Suicidio!** (Suicide Only Remains) By Elda Cavalieri<br>*Mefistofele—L'altra notte* *By Elda Cavalieri* | 55015 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| **Dance of the Hours** By Herbert's Orchestra<br>*Kamennoi-Ostrow* (*Rubinstein*) *By Herbert's Orchestra* | 55044 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| **Dance of the Hours** By Victor Orchestra<br>*Sweet Longings* (*Violin-Flute*) By Rattay and Lyons | 35087 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Opening Chorus—"Feste! pane!"** La Scala Chorus<br>**Barcarola—"Pescator affonda l'esca"** By E. Badini | 45010 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| **Enzo Grimaldo** By Conti and Badini (*In Italian*)<br>**Furlana** (Finale, Act I) By Italian Orchestra | 45033 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| **Cielo e mar!** By Franco de Gregorio (*In Italian*)<br>*Manon Lescaut—Ah, Manon! mi tradisce* *By de Gregorio* (*Italian*) | 45027 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| **Dance of the Hours** (*Xylophone*) By Wm. H. Reitz<br>*Maurice Tango* (*Banjo*) By Fred Van Eps | 17147 | 10-inch, | .75 |

SIEGFRIED TAKES THE MAGIC DRINK—ACT I

(German)

# ÖTTERDÄMMERUNG

(*Goef'-ter-daem'-mer-oonk*)

(English)

# DUSK OF THE GODS

GUTRUNE: Welcome, O guest, to Gibich's house!
From its daughter take thou the drink.

## PROLOGUE

As the curtain rises *Brünnhilde* and *Siegfried* come out of the cave, *Siegfried* in full armor and the *Valkyrie* leading her horse by the bridle. She begins her tender address of farewell:

### Zu neuen Thaten (Did I Not Send Thee?)

**By Johanna Gadski**
**(*German*) 87098 10-in., $2.00**

Did I not send thee, sweetest hero, to fresh exploits, frail were my love.
But one misgiving fights against it, for fear not wholly thy heart I hold.
I gave to thee all that gods had taught: heavenly runes, the richest hoard; but my restoreless maidenhood's strength snatch'd thou from me, who but seek to serve thee.
My wisdom fails, but good will remains; so full of love, but failing in strength, thou wilt despise perchance the poor one, who having giv'n all, can grant thee no more!

**This lovely air is delivered by Mme. Gadski with tenderness and feeling, and the record is an unusually fine example of the perfect recording of a beautiful soprano voice.**

## ACT I

### SCENE—*Castle of King Gunther*

*Siegfried* joyously sets out on his journey and soon comes to the Court of *King Gunther* on the Rhine, where dwells also *Gunther's* sister *Gutrune*, and their half-brother *Hagen*, who is a son of *Alberich*, the dwarf. *Hagen* knows the history of the Ring and is anxious to restore it to his father, so he artfully tries to win the help of *Gunther*. Knowing that the hero is approaching the castle, he outlines this scheme, which is to give *Siegfried* a drink which will make him forget *Brünnhilde* and fall in love with *Gutrune*, after which *Gunther* can win the peerless *Brünnhilde* for himself. *Gunther* is tempted, and when *Siegfried's* horn announces his approach he consents.

*Siegfried* greets them as friends, and when offered the magic drink he accepts and immediately loses all recollection of *Brünnhilde*. Seeing the lovely *Gutrune*, who stands with lowered eyes, he exclaims:

SIEGFRIED (*gazing on Gutrune with a kindling eye*):
Thou fair one, whose beams
My breast have enflamed,
Why fall thus thine eyes before mine?
(*Gutrune looks up at him, blushing.*)
Ha! sweetest maid!
Screen those bright beams!
The heart in my breast
Burns with their strength.

GUNTHER

*Gutrune*, trembling with emotion, leaves the Hall, and *Siegfried*, gazing after her, asks *Gunther* if he has a wife. The King, prompted by *Hagen*, replies that he knows of one he would wed, but that she is surrounded by a magic

re which he cannot pass. *Siegfried* seems trying to remember his ast, but fails, looks confused, then suddenly says:

SIEGFRIED (*with a sudden start*):
I—fear not the fire,
And thy bride fain will I fetch;
For thy own am I
And my arm is thine:
If Gutrune for wife I may gain!

In order that *Brünnhilde* may think that it is *Gunther* who has ron her, it is agreed that *Siegfried* hall, by means of the Tarnhelm, hange himself into *Gunther's* form. Thinking only of his reward, *Siegfried* agerly departs.

## Hier sitz' ich zur wacht (Here I Wait)

**By Marcel Journet, Bass**
*(In German)*
**74276 12-inch, $1.50**

*Hagen,* left alone, outlines his oming triumph, when he shall possess the Ring, and avenge its theft rom his father, *Alberich.*

wait, watching the hall,
use from all foes.
wafted by winds;

CLICHE HARS BRAND

SETTING OF ACT II AT BAYREUTH

turning home more slowly. *Gutrune* comes to meet *Siegfried,* and they go to the Hall. *Hagen* sounds his horn to summon the vassals and bids them prepare for a feast, as *Gunther* has taken a bride.

*Gunther* now arrives in his boat, leading *Brünnhilde,* who is pale and downcast. *Siegfried* and *Gutrune* come out to meet them and *Brünnhilde* sees *Siegfried* in his rightful form. She recoils in horror at seeing him with another woman, and regarding her as a stranger. She then perceives the Ring on *Siegfried's* finger and demands to know where he obtained it. He seems confused and regards the Ring with a puzzled air. *Brünnhilde,* beginning to comprehend what has occurred, denounces him, and *Gunther,* beginning to doubt whether *Siegfried* had kept his oath to respect *Brünnhilde* as a brother's bride, looks threateningly at him. *Siegfried,* eager to set himself right, swears the oath of the spear.

The vassals make a ring round *Siegfried* and *Hagen. Hagen* holds out his spear; *Siegfried* lays two fingers of his right hand on its point.

SIEGFRIED:
Haft of war, hallowed weapon!
Hold thou my oath from dishonor!
On this spotless spear-head
I speak the oath:
Spear-point, aid thou my speech!
Where steel e'er can strike me,
Strike thou at me:
Wher'er death can be dealt me
Deal it to me,
If she is really wronged,—
If I have injured my friend!

*Brünnhilde,* unable to contain herself at this evidence of *Siegfried's* baseness, repeats his oath and denounces him.

COPY'T DUPONT

GADSKI AS BRÜNNHILDE

## Helle Wehr! Heilige Waffe! (Haft of War! Hallowed Weapon)

By Johanna Gadski, Soprano (*In German*) 87052 10-inch, $2.00

*Siegfried* looks at her in pity, thinking her mad, and goes to the Hall with *Gutrune*. *Brünnhilde*, *Hagen* and *Gunther* remain behind, the latter in deep depression. *Hagen* tells *Brünnhilde* that he will avenge her wrongs. "Thou?" says *Brünnhilde*, contemptuously, and tells him that only in his back is *Siegfried* vulnerable, and that no magic protection was placed there because she knew that never would he retreat. *Gunther* now rouses himself and the three decide that *Siegfried* must die for his treachery.

### ACT III

SCENE I—*A Wild Valley near the Rhine*

The Rhine nymphs rise to the surface of the water and sing of the Rhinegold. They spy *Siegfried* and ask him to give up the Ring, but he refuses, and they warn him that he shall die that very day. He laughs at the prophecy, and as he watches them swim away, says lightly:

SIEGFRIED:
Alike on land and water,
Woman's ways I've learnt to know.
The man who resists their smiles
They seek by threats to frighten.
And when these both are scorned
They bait him with bitter words.
And yet were Gutrune not my wife,
I must have promptly captured
One of those pretty maids!

Hunting horns are heard and *Siegfried* gayly answers with his own. *Gunther*, *Hagen* and the hunters descend from the hill and greet him. They camp and begin to eat and drink. *Siegfried* tells them of his adventure with *Mime* and the Dragon. *Hagen* gives him a magic drink which brings back his memory and he goes on to tell of the forest bird and his quest of the lovely *Brünnhilde*. *Gunther* begins to listen attentively, but when *Siegfried* reaches this part of his narrative, *Hagen* plunges his spear in *Siegfried's* back and he falls. *Gunther*, in pity for the dying man, leans over him, and *Seigfried* faintly says:

SIEGFRIED:
Brünnhilde! Heavenly bride!—
Look up! Open thine eyelids!
What hath sunk thee once more in sleep?
Who drowns thee in slumber so drear?
The wak'ner came, his kiss awoke;—
Again now the bride's bonds he has broken;—
Enchant him Brünnhilde's charms!
Ah! now forever open her eyelids!
Ah! and what od'rous breeze is her breath!
Thrice blessed ending—
Thrill that dismays not—
Brünnhilde beckons to me! (*He dies.*)

SCENE II—*Hall in Gunther's Palace*

**Siegfried's Funeral March** Vessella's Italian Band *35369 12-inch, $1.25

*Siegfried's Funeral March* is the wonderful symphonic piece—a funeral oration over the last descendant of the gods, and a farewell to the slain hero—which occurs in the last act of *Götterdämmerung*. The first motive is solemnly tragic, and pictures the cold wing of death flying over the procession. Then the heroic motive of the *Volsungs* follows; and from this moment, with the rhythm of the Funeral March, all the motives, passionate, dramatic or tragic, which have already been developed separately in the course of the tetralogy, are heard one by one. Thus is heard the love motive, while from the deep tone of the double-basses and 'cellos the funeral theme of the *Volsungs* rises, which gradually

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 195.*

SIEGFRIED'S DEATH—ACT III

eparing for the entrance of the heroic motive of the sw
motive of *Siegfried's* prophecy, increasing in force unti
eroic paraphrase of the joyful shout of the child of

f the Rhine maidens, the motive of *Brünnhilde's* captivi
while in fancy we picture the funeral procession dis
the silence of the night, only a pale beam of moonli
g scene.
nfully to the Hall, where the weeping *Gutrune* meets th
form. *Hagen* now demands the Ring as his booty,
y draw their swords, *Gunther* being killed by *Hagen.*
raw the Ring from *Siegfried's* finger, but as he approac
d threateningly, and all recoil in terror.
nd gazes long and sadly at *Siegfried's* face, then order
ero's body. The vassals obey and build a huge pyre
the body is laid. *Brünnhilde* summons two ravens fr
*nmolation Scene.*

## n Scene)

no (*In German*) **88185 12-inch, $3.**

*ki*, god of fire, that he may complete the downfall of

HILDE: Draweth near in gloom
The Dusk of the gods.
Thus, casting my torch,
I kindle Valhalla's tow'rs!

urns rapidly, and the two ravens disappear in the distan
d she takes off the bridle.

BRÜNNHILDE (*to the horse*):
Grani, my horse, greet thee again!
Wouldst thou know dear friend,
What journey we follow?
By flame illumined lies there thy lord,
Siegfried, the star of my life.
To meet with thy master neighest thou merrily?
Lo! how the flame
Doth leap and allure thee!
Feel how my breast too hotly doth burn;
Sparkling fureflame my spirit enfolds.
O, but to clasp him—
Recline in his arms!
In madd'ning emotion
Once more to be his!
Heiajaho! Grani! Greet we our hero!
Siegfried! Siegfried! see!
Sweetly greets thee thy wife!

She swings herself on the steed and rides straight into the burning pile, which flames up mightily, half consuming the Hall itself. The Rhine then rises and puts out the flames, and on the surface are seen the Rhine daughters, who seize the Ring from the embers. *Hagen*, who has been anxiously watching, now rushes into the waters, crying: "The Ring is mine!" The nymphs seize him and drag him down in the flood. An increasing red glow is seen in the sky, and *Valhalla* appears in flames, with the gods and heroes calmly awaiting their doom. As the flames envelop all, the curtain falls.

THE RHINE MAIDENS WARNING SIEGFRIED

## DOUBLE-FACED GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG RECORDS

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| **Fantasia from the Opera** Siegfried and Brunnhilde, Act I—Finale, Scene I, "Siegfried's Horn Call"—Finale of Opera. | **By Arthur Pryor's Band** | 35315 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| *Rhinegold Selection* (*Wagner*) | *By Conway's Band* | | |
| **Siegfried's Funeral March** *Walkure—Ride of the Valkyries* | **By Vessella's Italian Band** *By Vessella's Italian Band* | 35369 | 12-inch, 1.25 |

FROM THE PAINTING BY MAKART THE RHINE MAIDENS RECOVER THE RHINEGOLD

THE MARQUIS LEAVES FOR THE WARS—ACT I

# GRISÉLIDIS

## ATIC MIRACLE PLAY IN THREE ACTS AND A P

by Armand Sylvester and Eugene Morand. Music by Mass
*éra Comique*, Paris, November 20, 1901, with Mme. Lucienne B
March 18, 1902, and Milan, November 25, 1902. First productic
tan Opera House, New York, January 19, 1910.

### Characters

LIDIS, wife of the Marquis .....
NA, the Devil's wife .....
RADE .....
MARQUIS DE SALUCES .....
l, a shepherd .....
DEVIL .....
PRIOR .....

*Scene and Period: Provence E*

A year elapses, and in Act I we see the *Marquis* about to depart for the war against the Saracens. The scene shows the inside of the Chateau; in the background a triptych open, with an image of St. Agnes holding in her arms a white lamb, and at her feet an image of the *Devil*. The *Marquis* expresses his great love for his wife, and says that he would be willing to swear in the presence of the *Devil* himself that she would always be faithful and true. Suddenly the stone image of the *Devil* comes to life, bounds on the stage and offers to wager the *Marquis* that during his absence at the wars *Grisélidis* will break her vows of faithfulness. At first the *Marquis* spurns the wager, but finally accepts and gives the *Devil* his wedding ring to show his absolute trust in *Grisélidis*. The latter is left alone with her little son, *Loys*, as her husband departs for the war.

DIABLE AND FIAMINA—ACT II

Act II shows the terrace of the Castle. The *Devil* induces his wife, *Fiamina*, to join him in his wicked plans to tempt *Grisélidis*, and they appear at the Castle disguised as a Levantine merchant and a Moorish slave. The merchant (*Devil*) tells *Grisélidis* that her husband bought the slave from him in the Orient, being greatly attracted by her charms, and tells her that her husband commands that the slave be installed as mistress of the Chateau. As proof of the truth of his statement he shows *Grisélidis* the *Marquis'* wedding ring, and she submissively declares that she will obey her husband's orders. This acquiescence is contrary to the *Devil's* expectations, and in consternation he now has his *Evil Spirits* bring *Alain* to the Castle, hoping to tempt *Grisélidis* to fly with the shepherd, who still loves her; but little *Loys* appears just in time to save his mother when her resistance is weakening. As *Alain* rushes away, in despair, the *Devil* suddenly appears, seizes *Loys* and disappears, and the act ends with a wild search for the child.

The third act shows the interior of the Chateau with the triptych as in Act I. The *Devil* again appears to *Grisélidis*, this time disguised as an old man. He tells her that *Loys* has been kidnapped by a pirate, who demands a kiss from *Grisélidis* in return for surrendering her child. Mother love forces her to yield, and she starts for the harbor. The *Marquis* comes home from the wars and the *Devil* tells him *Grisélidis* has gone to keep a rendezvous with her lover, but the *Marquis* refuses to believe these accusations against his wife. *Grisélidis* returns and tells the *Marquis* of the kidnapping of little *Loys*, and they pray that help may be given them to fight the powers of evil. Whereupon the cross on the altar is turned into a flaming sword, and when *Grisélidis* prays to St. Agnes that her son be restored to her, there is a flash of lightning, a clap of thunder and the triptych opens, revealing the image of St. Agnes holding in her arms, not the white lamb, but the child *Loys*. A glad pealing of bells can be heard as the *Marquis* and *Grisélidis*, with their child between them, are happily reunited.

The Victor offers here a very fine record of the air *Ouvres-vous sur mon front*, which occurs at the beginning of the opera. It is the song of the shepherd *Alain*, telling of his love for the maiden, *Grisélidis*.

## Ouvres-vous sur mon front, portes du Paradise! (Open Now to My Eyes, Portals of Paradise!)

**By Charles Dalmores, Tenor** (*In French*) **88397 12-inch, $3.00**

AMLET AND THE ACTORS—ACT II

# HAMLET

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

based on Shakespeare's play. Music by Ambroise Thor
the Paris *Académie*, with Christine Nilsson and Faure. I
59, in Italian. Produced at the Academy of Music, N
on, Cary, Brignoli, Barre and Jamet; in 1882, with Ger
La Salle and Marie Van Zandt. Revived recently by
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**Cast**

.....Baritone
ark.....Bass
.....Tenor
.....Bass
.....Bass
her, Queen of Denmark.....Mezzo-Soprano
lonius.....Soprano
adies, Officers, Pages, Peasants, etc.

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*Scene: Elsinore, in Denmark.*

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*of Denmark*, is so well known that it would seem ha
any length. However, for operatic purposes the librett
nstruct certain portions of the tragedy, and the revised
e.

k, *Claudius*, has seized the throne, after having murde
At the opening of the opera *Hamlet* knows nothing of
his mother for having married *Claudius* before she

### ACT I

I—*A Room of State in the Palace*

sented to the Court at a public reception. She is anno
asure by absenting himself from the ceremony. After
s slowly, in a melancholy mood.

is grief!
oth seem short lived indeed.
father but two months dead;
nother wedlock, my mother hath consented;
ne is woman."

His bitter musing is interrupted by the entrance of *Ophelia,* his betrothed. She has heard that *Hamlet* intends to leave the kingdom and asks if he has ceased to love her. In the beautiful love duet he reassures her, and tells her why the palace has become intolerable to him.

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RENAUD AS HAMLET

## Nega se puoi la luce (Love Duet)

**By Maria Galvany, Soprano, and Titta Ruffo, Baritone (*In Italian*) 92500 12-inch, $4.00**

HAMLET:
Celestial maiden, 'tis not thee I chide,
The purity of thy mind doth speak through those sweet eyes!
"Doubt that the stars are fire,
Doubt that the sun doth move,
Doubt truth to be a liar;
But never doubt my love."

OPHELIA:
It may be so, but such excess of love
Hath no enduring power;
Thou couldst not leave me to my sorrow,
Did thy heart know such love as mine!
Ye heavenly powers,—celestial choir,
That aye surround the eternal throne,
From your bright homes above,
Bear witness to my truthful love.

HAMLET:
Beloved Ophelia!

OPHELIA:
Ah! never will we part!

### SCENE II—*Esplanade of the Palace. It is Night*

*Horatio* and *Marcellus* are discovered excitedly discussing the appearance of the spectre of the murdered King. They greet *Hamlet* and tell him of the ghostly visitor, which appeared just at midnight. *Hamlet* is much affected, and suggests that as it is nearly twelve the ghost may come again.

The clock strikes, and the figure of the murdered King appears. *Hamlet* speaks to the spectre:

HAMLET:
Thou spirit dread, thou shade revered,
Hear thou thy hapless son's lament.
In pity answer,—speak to me!
Tell me why the sepulchre,
Wherein we saw thee peacefully entombed,
Hath op'd his ponderous and marble jaws,
To cast thee forth again?

The ghost motions *Horatio* and *Marcellus* to withdraw, and when they are gone he tells *Hamlet* of the murder and bids him become the avenger, but asks him to leave his mother's punishment to God. *Hamlet* is much affected and exclaims:

HAMLET:
Yes! Shade revered! Thy bidding shall be done.
O light, O sun, O glory, O love to me so dear.
Farewell! Farewell!

The ghost, before disappearing, pauses at the back of the stage, and stands with one hand extended toward *Hamlet;* at this moment *Horatio* and *Marcellus* re-enter, and appear terror-stricken at the spectacle before them. Trumpets and joyous music are heard without as the curtain falls.

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HAMLET AND THE GHOST

## ACT II

SCENE—*Garden of the Palace*

much disturbed because *Hamlet* seems to avoid her. The Queen after questioning her says that *Hamlet* has also acted strangely ears his reason is affected.

ıtrap the King in some manner into betraying himself, has engaged present a play which shall enact a similar crime. The King and : he seems to seek amusement, and gladly accept his invitation to

THE KING REVEALS HIS GUILT—ACT II

have departed, the players come on and are instructed by *Hamlet*

HAMLET: To be, or not to be, that is the question.
To die, to sleep; perchance to dream;
Ah! were it allowed me to sever
The tie that binds me to mortality,
And seek "the undiscovered country
From whose bourne no traveler returns!"
"Ay! to be, or not to be?
To die, to sleep; perchance to dream."

The Queen and *Ophelia* enter and plead with *Hamlet* to banish his wild imaginings. He sternly rebukes them, advises *Ophelia* to retire to a convent, and accuses his mother of being an accomplice. The ghost again appears, visible only to *Hamlet*, bids him spare his mother, and slowly disappears. The Prince conducts the Queen to the door, urging her to pray and repent.

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RUFFO AS HAMLET

## ACT IV

*A rural scene near a lake. Willows line the shore*

*Ophelia*, driven insane by *Hamlet's* desertion of her, has wandered to the lake. She plays with a garland of flowers, and sings her wonderful aria, usually known as the *Mad Scene*, one of the most difficult of all florid compositions.

## Ballata d'Ofelia (Mad Scene)

**By Nellie Melba** (*In French*) **88251 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Giuseppina Huguet** (*Italian*) ***35180 12-inch, 1.25**

An exquisite introduction by the orchestra is heard as *Ophelia* enters—a strange, wild figure, with flowing hair and torn white dress. She speaks to the wondering peasants and tells them childishly of the lark which she heard at dawn, following with a brilliant display of bird-like trills and staccatos.

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CALVÉ AS OPHELIA

*Ophelia* then turns to the shepherds and asks them to listen to her song, a strange, sad melody, which is interrupted at intervals by wild laughter and weeping. Presently she seems to forget, and placidly plays with her flowers, until the magical siren's song is heard luring her to the water's edge, and she plunges in and floats away, singing of *Hamlet's* vow of love.

## ACT V— *The Churchyard*

*Hamlet* comes hither to attend the funeral of *Ophelia*. He sings his beautiful song to her memory and resolves to take his own life upon her grave.

## Come il romito fior (As a Lovely Flower)

**By Titta Ruffo, Baritone, and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) **92064 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Enrico Pignataro, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) ***63424 10-inch, .75**

When the cortege has arrived, the ghost again appears and looks reproachfully on *Hamlet*, who stabs the King, and as the curtain falls the people, now convinced of their monarch's guilt, acclaim *Hamlet* as his successor.

### DOUBLE-FACED HAMLET RECORDS

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| **Ballata d'Ofelia (Mad Scene)** By Huguet, Soprano (*Italian*)<br>*Dinorah—Si, carina caprettina* By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano | 35180 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Brindisi** By Francesco Cigada and Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>*Ernani—Festa da ballo* By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*) | 16572 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Come il romito fior** By Enrico Pignataro (*In Italian*)<br>*Pallide Mammole—Romanza* By Lavin de Casas (In Italian) | 63424 | 10-inch, | .75 |

THE FOREST—ACT II

(German)

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THE GOLDEN STAIRCASE

It is now some seventeen years since Humperdinck's lovely fairy opera was brought out in America by Augustin Daly, and it has since been firmly established in the repertoire of every producer of grand opera.

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THE CHILDREN AT HOME

Hänsel and Gretel has been called the Peter Pan of grand opera; the audiences who witness it being invariably delighted with the childish joyousness and fairy charm of Humperdinck's work.

This delightful opera is built upon the simple Grimm tale of *Babes in the Woods,* and first suggested itself to the composer to amuse his sister's children. It was afterward elaborated into a complete opera, which has become one of the most important and interesting of modern German works.

Two German peasant children, *Hans* and *Gretchen,* are sent to the woods for strawberries and get lost. The *Sandman* finds the babes and sings them to sleep, while angels and fairies watch over them. They are awakened by the *Dew Man,* and go for breakfast to the house of the *Witch,* who plans to eat them; but when she opens the oven to see if it is hot enough to cook *Hans,* she herself is pushed in by *Gretchen.*

Several numbers from this interesting opera are presented here.

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THE CHILDREN IN THE WOOD

by telling of the witch who lives in a honey-cake hous
en into it, bakes them into gingerbread in her oven.

## e Old Witch)

(*In German*) **64164 10-inch, $1.0**

er study as *Peter*, the tipsy, kind-hearted and superstitio
he Metropolitan revival, and this odd number is given b
him with much effectivene

THE WITCH'S DOOR

### ACT II

This scene shows th
depths of the forest, into whic
the children have wandere
*Hänsel* picks berries whi
*Gretel* weaves garlands of flo
ers. Darkness soon comes, ar
the children are frightened ar
cling together. A little gr
man, the *Sandman*, or *Sle*
*Fairy*, strews sand in their ey
as he sings his air.

## Der kleine Sandmann bin ich (I Am the Sleep Fairy)

By Gluck and Homer (*In German*)
**88419 12-inch, $3.0**

The children slumber, ar
as the curtain falls angels a
seen keeping guard over the

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THE HOME OF THE WITCH

## ACT III

The curtain rises, showing *Hänsel* and *Gretel* still asleep in the wood. The *Dawn Fairy* shakes dewdrops on the children and wakes them just as the mist clears away, revealing the house of the *Witch*.

The children approach cautiously and begin to nibble at the gingerbread fence, when the *Witch* comes out and casts a spell over them.

## Hexenritt und Knusperwalzer (Witch's Dance)

**By Alma Gluck and Louise Homer** (*In German*) **87131 10-inch, $2.00**

She makes a good fire in the stove for the purpose of roasting the babes, and in her joy she rides wildly around the room on a broomstick, singing this unique *Hexenritt*.

The duet begins with the soliloquy of the *Witch* as she sees *Gretel* peeping into the oven, and prepares to push her in to be baked into magic gingerbread.

The second part of the duet is the portion called the "Witch's Waltz," and is sung and danced by *Hänsel* and *Gretel* after the wicked *Witch* has been pushed into the oven. They dance around the room, wild with joy, and then prepare to eat their fill of the good things stored in the *Witch's* house.

After the death of the *Witch* the gingerbread children come to life and thank the children for releasing them from the spell. The father and mother of *Hänsel* and *Gretel* now arrive and embrace the children as the curtain falls.

THE CHAMBER OF HEROD

(French)

# HÉRODIADE

(*Ay-rohd-yadd'*)

OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

CAUTIN & BERGER

CALVÉ AS SALOME

The first Paris production of this opera was especially interesting because of the first appearance of Jean de Reszke as a tenor (he was formerly a baritone). It was not until 1904, however, that the opera was brought out in London (under the title of Salome) with Mme. Calvé, Dalmores and Renaud in the leading rôles. Mr. Hammerstein's production of this work during a recent season at the Manhattan Opera is well remembered by opera goers as a most brilliant one.

The opera contains much of the best music Massenet has written; and the plot, while based on the well-known Scriptural story, does not follow the Bible or tradition very closely, differing quite largely from Salome.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Court of Herod's Palace at Jerusalem*

*Salome* enters and is greeted by *Phanuel*, a young Jew, who is astonished that she should be in the Palace, and wonders if she can be ignorant of the fact that *Herodias* is her mother. *Salome* tells him she is seeking *John the Prophet*, and in this air she describes how he had saved her from the desert when a child, and how good and kind he is.

**Il est doux, il est bon (He is Kind, He is Good) By Emma Calvé (*French*) 88130 12-in., $3.00**

*Salome* goes out just as *Herod* enters searching for her. *Herodias* rushes in and demands *John's* head, saying that he had insulted her. *John* appears, denounces them both and drives them out, terrified. *Salome* enters and tells *John* of her love for him, but he bids her turn to God.

## ACT II

SCENE—*Herod's Chamber*

*Herod* lies on his luxurious couch, while attendants sing to him. He can think of no one but *Salome*, and bids the slaves dance to distract his mind. A love potion is given him by a slave, who says it will make him see the face of the one he loves.

He then sings the famous *Vision fugitive*, considered the most beautiful of the airs in the opera.

**Vision fugitive (Fleeting Vision)**
**By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone**
**(*In French*) 88153 12-inch, $3.00**

COPY'T MISHKIN

GERVILLE-RÉACHE AS HERODIAS

CAUTIN & BERGER

RENAUD AS HEROD

*Herod* describes the vision of *Salome* which haunts him night and day, and declares that to possess her he would gladly surrender his soul. He drinks the love potion, and falls on the couch in a delirious sleep.

SCENE II—*Public Square at Jerusalem*

The scene shows *Herod* receiving messages from the allies, and denouncing Rome. *Herodias* enters and announces that the

OF THE OPERA—MASSENET'S HÉRODIADE

INNER COURT OF THE TEMPLE—ACT III

his death. *Salome* runs to *John* and falls at his feet, wishing to die with him. *Herod*, seeing that it is *John* whom *Salome* loves, orders them both put to death, and they are seized and borne out by guards as the curtain falls.

COPY'T MISHKIN

DUFRANNE AS PHANUEL

## ACT IV

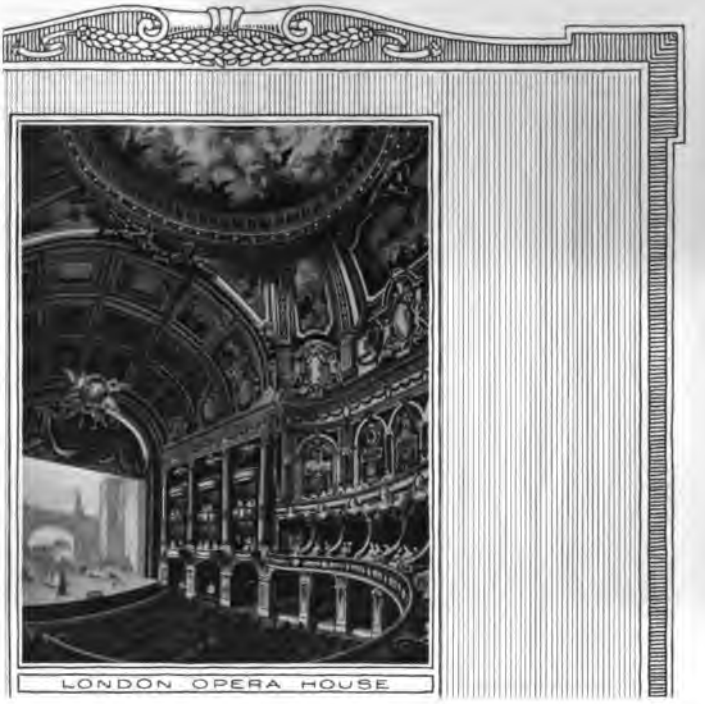
### SCENE I—*Prison Cell in the Temple*

*John* and *Salome* are here seen in prison. *John* admits that he loves the young girl, and urges her to fly and save her life, but she refuses, declaring she will die with him. Priests appear and order *John* to death, and command *Salome* to be taken to the Palace by *Herod's* commands. She resists desperately, but is dragged away.

### SCENE II—*Great Hall in the Temple*

The great festival in honor of the Roman Empire is in progress. *Salome* is brought in and again entreats to be allowed to die with *John*. She appeals to the Queen, saying, "If thou wert ever a mother, pity me." *Herodias* trembles at the word, and gazing on her daughter, seems about to yield, when the executioner appears at the back with a dripping sword and cries, "The *Prophet* is dead." *Salome* gives a terrible cry and tries to kill the Queen, who screams: "Mercy! I am thy mother!" *Salome* recoils in horror, curses her mother and stabs herself.

(*Curtain*)



LONDON OPERA HOUSE

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THE GREAT BANQUET SCENE IN ACT I

(French)

# LES HUGUENOTS

(*Layz Yoogn'-noh*)

(German)

# DIE HUGENOTTEN

(*Dee Hoo-gen-ott'-en*)

(Italian)

# GLI UGONOTTI

(*Glee Oo-goh-not'-tih*)

(English)

# THE HUGUENOTS

(*Hew'-gen-ahts*)

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

Libretto by Scribe and Deschamps. Score by Meyerbeer. First presented at the *Académie* in Paris, February 29, 1836. First given in Italy at *Tetro della Pergola*, Florence, December 26, 1841, under the title of *Gli Anglicani*. First London production in German in 1842; in Italian, July 20, 1848. First New Orleans performance April 29, 1839 (first in America). Some notable New York productions were in 1858, with La Grange, Siedenburg, Tiberini and Formes; in 1872, with Parepa-Rosa, Wachtel and Santley; in 1873, with Nilsson, Cary, Campanini and del Puente; in 1892, with Montariol, de Reszke, Lasalle, Albani and Scalchi; in 1901, with Melba, Nordica, de Reszke and Plançon; in 1905, with Sembrich, Caruso, Walker, Plançon, Scotti and Journet; in 1907, with Nordica, Nielsen, Constantino and de Segurola; at the Manhattan in 1908, with Pinkert, Russ, Bassi and Ancona; and at the Metropolitan in 1914, with Caruso, Destinn, Hempel, Matzenauer, Braun and Scotti.

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### Cast

COUNT OF ST. BRIS, (*Sah Bree'*) } Catholic noblemen ..... { Baritone
COUNT OF NEVERS, (*Nev-airz'*) } Catholic noblemen ..... { Baritone
RAOUL DE NANGIS, (*Rah-ool' day Non-zhee'*) a Protestant gentleman ..... Tenor
MARCEL, (*Mahr-chel'*) a Huguenot soldier and servant to Raoul ..... Bass
MARGARET OF VALOIS, (*Val-ooah'*) betrothed to Henry IV ..... Soprano
VALENTINE, daughter of St. Bris ..... Soprano
URBANO, (*Ur-bah'-noh*) page to Queen Margaret ..... Mezzo-Soprano
Ladies and Gentlemen of the Court, Pages, Citizens, Soldiers, Students, etc.

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*Scene and Period: Touraine and Paris; during the month of August, 1572.*

lered the composer's masterpiece, and is indeed a wonderfully splendid scenes, beautiful arias and concerted numbers, and its ions. The romance as well as the fanaticism of the period are he whole presented on a magnificent scale. The opera is undeni- e evening's performance, requiring almost five hours when given ever, has been merciful, and has selected only the gems of the work. one of the most dramatic periods in French history, and tells of the in 1572, and of the efforts of *Margaret of Valois,* the betrothed of e disputes between the Protestants and the Catholics.

## ACT I

SCENE I—*House of the Count of Nevers*

ort one and consists mainly of the Lutheran chorale, which occurs portions of the opera. The curtain rises, disclosing a magnificent *evers,* where a gay party of Catholic noblemen are feasting. The xpects another guest, a Huguenot, whom he hopes they will treat arrives and makes a favorable impression on the guests. *Nevers* ing that each relate an adventure with some fair one; *Raoul,* s called upon first, and describes his rescue of an unknown beauty o be *Valentine, St. Bris'* daughter) from some drunken revelers. beauty and the deep impression she made on him.

### anza (Fairer Than the Lily)

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| o, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 88210 | 12-inch, $3.00 |
| Tenor | (*In French*) | *45007 | 10-inch, 1.00 |

sic allotted to *Raoul* charmingly, especially this delicate Romanza, he vision of the unknown with whom he has fallen in love. In the recitative, after which a short introduction brings us to the

MARCEL:
Sirs, I will; an old Huguenot song against the snares of Rome and the dark wiles of woman. You, sirs, should know it well—it is our battle song: you heard it at Rochelle, for there 'twas sung, 'mid the din of drums and trumpets; with a full accompaniment—piff, paff, piff, paff,—of bullets from our ranks, thus out it rang:

COPY'T DUPORT PLANCON AS ST. BRIS

## Piff! Paff! (Marcel's Air)

**By Marcel Journet, Bass**
(*In French*) **74156 12-inch, $1.50**

MARCEL:
Old Rome and her revelries,
Her pride and her lust, boys,
The monks and their devilries,
We'll grind them to dust, boys!
Deliver to fire and sword
Their temples of Hell,
Till of the black demons
None live to tell!
Woe to all defilers fair!
I ne'er heed their shrieking—
Woe to the Dalilahs fair,
Who men's souls are seeking!
Deliver to fire and sword
Those children of Hell,
Till of the black demons
None live to tell!

*Refrain*

Piff, paff, piff; slay them all,
Piff, paff, piff, ev'ry soul!
Piff, paff, piff; paff; piff; piff, paff, piff, paff!
All vainly for aid or for mercy they call;
No pity for them! No they die—slay all!
No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no; slay all!

Journet's portrayal of the grim, stubborn old servant is a very fine one, and his rendition of the *Piff, Paff* is remarkable in its rugged force and stern simplicity.

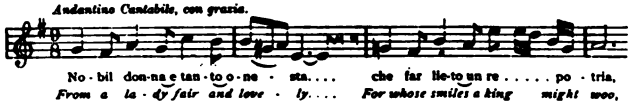
A servant of *Nevers* announces a veiled lady to see him and he retires to an adjoining room. *Raoul* catches sight of the lady through the window as she lifts her veil, and is astonished and grieved to recognize the beauty he had saved from the ruffians.

A young page now enters, and in a lovely air, familiarly called the *Page Song*, announces that she has a message for one of the cavaliers present.

## Nobil Signori salute! (Noble Sirs, I Salute You)

**By Louise Homer, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **85107 12-inch, $3.00**

This gay and brilliant cavatina is considered one of the most difficult of contralto numbers. It begins with a long and very ornamental cadenza, followed by this graceful melody:




worked up with much spirit and reintroduced after a striking series of vocal figures sung on the word "no." Mme. Homer's execution of this florid air exhibits well the great flexibility of her fine voice.

Meyerbeer intended this part for soprano, but it is usually transposed and sung by a contralto.

URBANO:
A most charming noble lady,
Whom with envy kings might view,
With a message here has charged me,
Cavaliers, cavaliers, to one of you.
I do not name him; but honor be
Unto the good knight, whoe'er be he!
And until now, sirs, there ne'er hath been
Mortal so favor'd by beauty's queen!

THE CASTLE OF CHENONCEAUX—ACT II

o be for *Raoul*, and bids him consent to come blindfolded in a on, to wherever his guide will take him. The young man is puzzled d shows the note to the others. They recognize the seal of *Margaret* s of envy at him as he follows the page

The maids disperse, and *Valentine* enters and tells the Queen that she has seen the *Count de Nevers*, who has promised to release her from the engagement which had been arranged. *Margaret* informs her that she has another cavalier in mind—meaning *Raoul*, who is now conducted to the ladies and his mask removed. He is much astonished to find that it is the Queen who has sent for him, and pledges his honor and his sword to her service. He does not, however, perceive *Valentine*, who has retired at the moment of his entrance.

COPY'T MISHKIN SCOTTI AS NEVERS

SCALCHI AS THE PAGE

The nobles of the Court, Protestant and Catholic, now enter, having been sent for by *Margaret*. She announces that she is planning a marriage which shall reconcile all their differences, and asks them to swear to live in peace with each other. Raoul, Nevers, St. Bris and the nobles gather around the Queen and take the oath.

*Valentine* is now led in by her father and presented to *Raou* He starts in astonishment, having recognized the lady he had re cued, and whom he had seen meeting *Nevers*.

RAOUL (*in a stifled voice*):
Great Heaven! what do I see?
MARGARET:
Why this astonishment?
RAOUL:
What! is this the bride vou would offer to me?
MARGARET:
Yes, to marry and to love.
RAOUL:
What perfidy! what treachery!
I her husband! Never, never!

COPY'T MISHKIN

DALMORES AS RAOUL

A terrible scene follows, *St. Bris* challenging *Raoul*, who is ordered under arrest by the Queen. *Valentine* is overcome with shame, and the Catholics are furious. *Marcel* is delighted that his master has escaped marriage with a Catholic, and the curtain falls as the Lutheran chorale is again heard in the orchestra.

## ACT III

SCENE—*A Square in Paris*

Catholic students are seated outside an inn on the left while opposite some Huguenot soldiers are drinking and playing dice. The soldiers sing their famous Rat-a-plan.

### Coro di Soldati (Soldiers' Chorus, "Rataplan")

**By Metropolitan Opera Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***45051 10-inch, $1.0**

A wedding procession passes on its way to the church; it is for *Valentine*, who has bee persuaded to wed *Nevers*. *Valentine* asks that she be permitted to spend the day in th

**Double-Faced Record—See page 218.*

chapel in prayer. While there she overhears a plot to assassinate *Raoul*, and at once goes in search of *Marcel* to inform him of the plan. She meets him in the square and tells him of the plot.

## Nella notte io sol qui veglio (Here By Night Alone I Wander)

By Maria Grisi, Soprano, and Perello De Segurola, Bass (*In Italian*)

*63404 10-inch, $0.75

*Marcel* thanks her for the warning and goes with his friends to the rescue. A general conflict is threatened but is prevented by the Queen, who appears just in time. She tells *Raoul* that wrong, having merely gone to *Nevers'* elease her. *Raoul* is overcome with rege comes too late, as *Valentine* is already

COPY'T MISHKIN

CONSTANTINO AS RAOUL

boat approaches, occupied by the nuptial *entine* to it, and as all salute the bridal couple the boat moves away, by grief, is supported by *Marcel*. The curtain falls.

### ACT IV

SCENE—*A Room in Nevers' Castle*

ST. BRIS:
Do you wish our dear country to save?
MONKS AND NOBLES:
It is our wish! our hearts' desire!
ST. BRIS:
To serve our noble King,
Will ye the traitors destroy?
MONKS AND NOBLES:
The King's commands, we will obey!
ST. BRIS:
'Tis well! now hear the King's decree:
These Huguenots, whose vile detested race we hate,
Shall from this day by the sword disappear!
ST. BRIS:
On Heaven's just cause relying,
This impious race defying,
'Mid thousands round thee dying,
Now swear that no mercy thou'lt show!
To compass Heav'n's desiring,
Now for vengeance we go!

JEAN DE RESZKE AS RAOUL

**Then comes the furious and fanatical chorus of priests and lords, one of the most difficult of ensembles.**

ALL:
Strike them down, men and children, all!
And let no mercy ever be shown!
By the sword they shall perish,
And their temples be o'erthrown!
ST. BRIS:
Be silent, my friends, and breathe not e'en a murmur
To wake our slumb'ring foe!
ALL:
Whisper low, not a word,
Not a breath or sign revealing, while we, silent stealing,
Strike the impious foe!
(*With fury.*)
Now for vengeance! we will go!

**The number closes with the famous passage for the basses which finishes on a low E natural, sung very pianissimo, as the company disperses.**

**The nobles having gone, *Raoul* comes out, horrified at what he has heard, and wishes to** warn his friends, when *Valentine,* thinking to save his life, urges him to remain, telling him that she loves him. In a transport of delight he begins the great duet.

VALENTINE: **Raoul, they will kill thee; ah, in pity stay! (Act IV.)**

THE FINAL TRAGEDY

COPY'T WHITE

IRIS' FATHER CURSES HER

# IRIS

*(Ee-ris)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Luigi Illica; music by Pietro Mascagni. First production, Costanzi Theatre, Rome, November 22, 1898. Revised by the composer and produced at La Scala, Milan, January, 1899. First American production, Philadelphia, October 14, 1902, during the tour of Mascagni's own company. Two days later New York heard the same organization give the opera, but the production by the Metropolitan Opera Company did not occur until 1908, with a cast including Caruso, Eames, Scotti and Journet. Revived April 3, 1915, with Bori, Scotti and Botta.

### Characters

CIECO, the blind man ..... Bass
IRIS, his daughter ..... Soprano
OSAKA ..... Tenor
KYOTO, a takiomati ..... Baritone

Ragpickers, Shopkeeper, Geishas, Mousmé (laundry girls), Citizens, Strolling Players.

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In Greek mythology *Iris* (literally "Rainbow") was the Goddess of the Rainbow, and and as such was the Messenger of Peace to all the inhabitants of the earth.

Illica has named his Japanese heroine after this Greek goddess, and the story is enacted by Japanese characters under the shadow of the Fujiyama, the Wisteria Mountain, to which all Japanese bow. The story is somewhat symbolical in character, and through the rather simple plot runs a sort of weird Japanese philosophy.

DEN (MME. BORI)

## ACT I

SCENE—*The Home of Iris near the City*

*Iris* is a young and innocent country girl who lives with her blind father, *Cieco*, on the outskirts of the town, and spends her days worshipping the Sun and playing with her dolls. *Osaka*, a rich and dissolute nobleman, sees the lovely girl in her garden and contrives with *Kyoto*, a *takiomati* or dive keeper, to obtain possession of her. It is not easy to lead *Iris* away from her old blind father, to whom she is devoted, but by means of a doll show they arouse her curiosity, and as she approaches nearer and nearer to the puppets, three Geisha dancers surround her and quietly carry her off, while *Osaka* leaves money to pay the old man for her, thereby making the abduction legal. *Cieco* returns and is led to believe that his daughter has gone to tionable street) of her own accord, and in a rage goes in search dlers to help him.

## ACT II

SCENE—*Interior of a house in the Yoshiwara*

: bewildered *Iris* wakes up in a luxurious mansion in the Yoshiwara. s her, but the young girl only answers his entreaties by appealing to

SCENE FROM JEWELS OF THE MADONNA

(Italian)

# I GIOJELLI DELLA MADONNA

(German)

# DER SCHMUCK DER MADONNA

(English)

# THE JEWELS OF THE MADONNA

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Libretto by C. Zangarini and E. Golisciani; music by Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari. First performed as *Der Schmuck der Madonna* at the Kurfuersten Oper, Berlin, December 23, 1911. First American production at the Auditorium Theatre, Chicago, January 16, 1912. First Philadelphia performance February 14, 1912. First New York performance March 5, 1912. Later included in the repertoire of the Century Opera Company, and given with much success.

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SETTING OF ACT I

**Characters**

GENNARO, in love with Maliella.....Tenor
MALIELLA, in love with Rafaele .....Soprano
RAFAELE, leader of the Cammorists.....Baritone
CARMELA .....Soprano
BIASO .....Tenor
CICCILLO.....Tenor
STELLA.....Soprano
CONCETTA..... Soprano
SERENA .....Soprano
GRAZIA ..... Dancer
TOTONNO .... .....
ROCCO.....Bass
Vendors, Monks, People of the Streets, etc.

*Time and Place: The scene is laid in Naples, at the present time.*

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SCENE—ACT II

ummed up as follows: *Maliella,* a wayward Neapolitan beauty, is
ther, *Gennaro,* a simple, honest lad, but the girl is infatuated with
der of the Cammorists. *Rafaele* proudly boasts that he would stop
love for *Maliella,* declaring he would even steal for her the jewels
the Virgin. The young girl, annoyed by *Gennaro*'s attentions, taunts
lo for her what *Rafaele* had offered. Almost in the hope of win-
fellow steals to the church at night, secures the jewels, and lays
At first she is fascinated by the brilliancy of the gems, but as she
ege *Gennaro* has committed she flies to *Rafaele,* whom she finds

GENNARO AND MALIELLA

## JEWELS OF THE MADONNA RECORDS

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| Intermezzo (Second Entr'acte) Vessella's Band<br>*Lucia Sextette (Donizetti) Vessella's Band* | 35356 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| Intermezzo (Second Entr'acte) Victor Orchestra<br>*Merry Wives of Windsor Overture (Nicolai) New Symphony Orchestra of London* | 35270 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| First Entr'acte (Intermezzo between Acts I and II) Victor Orchestra<br>*Danse Macabre (Saint-Saëns, Op. 40) Vessella's Italian Band* | 35381 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

**Rafaele's Serenade (Act II)**
**By Pasquale Amato, Baritone**
**(with Metropolitan Opera Chorus)**
**(*In Italian*) 87193 10-inch, 2.00**

This beautiful Serenade occurs in the second act of the opera. The scene is the garden of *Maliella's* house. It is evening, and from the distance are heard the strains of an old Neapolitan folk ballad, sung by a chorus afloat on the bay. This is succeeded by the tinkling of mandolins and guitars behind the wall of *Maliella's* garden. *Rafaele* and his companions appear, and he sings his Serenade, which begins: "Aprila bella la fenestrella."

SCENE—ACT III

THE JUGGLER TRYING TO AMUSE THE CROWD—ACT I

(French)

# JGLEUR DE NOTRE DAME

(English)

grotesque and even sacrilegious to the priests, the Virgin accepted his homage and glorified his death. Maurice Lena amplified France's story and made an admirable play of it, and for this beautiful legend Massenet has provided some highly effective and reverential music.

At the beginning of the opera, *Jean,* a poor juggler, haggard and worn, joins the merry-making crowd of villagers in the square in front of the monastery. It is May Day, and the people want to be amused, but when poor *Jean* tries to earn a few sous by his wornout tricks, they laugh and jeer at him. Suddenly the *Prior* of the Abbey appears and drives away the crowd, threatening *Jean* with the torments of the after-life if he does not mend his ways. He charges the boy to forsake his juggler's life and enter the monastery, and the poor, hungry lad, after one look at a cart of provisions which arrives for the monks, consents and goes into the monastery with the *Prior.*

The second act opens in the monastery study, where the monks are arguing among themselves over the relative importance of the arts they represent. The *Prior* orders them off to the chapel, while *Jean* laments to *Boniface,* the cook, his inability to do anything that can please the Virgin. The kindly *Boniface* relates to the despondent lad a fable, "The Legend of the Sagebrush," which shows that the humblest offering is acceptable to the Virgin if tendered in a sincere and reverent spirit. The tale makes a strong impression on *Jean,* and he resolves to serve the Church in his own humble way.

In Act III, the youthful monk enters the chapel, lays aside his monk's dress, and in his old juggler's clothes takes his place in front of the altar, singing his old street songs and performing the old tricks. The *Prior* and monks presently appear and are shocked at what they consider acts of sacrilege. They try to seize *Jean* and throw him out, but *Boniface* protects him, and, as he holds the monks back, the face of the Virgin in the picture above the altar becomes illuminated. She extends her hands in benediction over the now crouching *Jean,* as the monks draw back in awe, and the lad, radiant, falls dying in the arms of the wondering *Prior,* while a choir of angels is heard chanting "Glory to Jean."

Mr. Journet gives an admirable rendition of the effective Legend.

## Legende de la Sauge (Legend of the Sagebrush)

By Marcel Journet, Bass (*In French*) 74123 12-inch, $1.50

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INTERIOR OF MONASTERY—ACT II

OPENING SCENE OF KÖNIGSKINDER—FARRAR AND THE GEESE

(English)

# NDER THE KING'S CHILDREN

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FAIRY OPERA IN THREE ACTS

THE BERLIN CAST WITH THE COMPOSER

Berlin and Leipsic before the play was produced. Introduction to Act II was played at the Montauk Theatre, Brooklyn, November 22, 1896, at a concert of the Brooklyn Saengerbund, and in December both introductions were given in Boston by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The opera is allegorical in character, illustrating the stupidity of mankind in failing to recognize true loyalty when it appears to them in disguise. It is a human little story, full of pathos, humor and tenderness, and no one could have given it the gentle, sympathetic touch better than Humperdinck.

The story tells of a *Goose Girl* who lives with an old *Witch* in the hills above the town of Hellabrunn. A poorly-dressed youth comes out of the woods and tells the *Goose Girl* of his wanderings. He is in reality the *King's Son*, but the girl does not know this. The boy falls in love with the beautiful maiden, and asks her to go maying with him through the summer land. The girl longs to run off with him, but finds her feet glued to the ground. The *King's Son*, believing her afraid to go, tells her she is unworthy to be a king's mate, and leaves her, vowing she shall never see him again till a star has fallen into a lily which is blooming nearby.

WHITE

THE GOOSE GIRL FEEDING HER FLOCK
(GERALDINE FARRAR)

The *Witch* returns and scolds the *Goose Girl* for wast-

DDLER

ing her time on a man. The *Fiddler* enters, followed by the *Woodcutter* and *Broommaker* from the town, who come to ask the *Witch* if she had seen the *King's Son,* as the King is dead and the people want the son to rule in his place. The *Witch* tells them that the first person who enters the city gate next day at noon, no matter what his seeming social condition may be, will be crowned King. The *Woodcutter* and *Broommaker* depart, but the *Fiddler* lingers, hoping to get a glimpse of the *Goose Girl,* who is in the hut. She appears and tells him her sorrows, and he assures her she shall wed the *King's Son.* The girl prays that his words may come true, and as she kneels a shooting star falls into the heart of the lily. She runs off into the woods with her flock in search of her lover.

he town of Hellabrunn in an uproar, r. At the inn near the town gates is n rags. Musicians enter and a dance *r* refuses to allow the people to crowd ; it clear for the entry of the *King.* The relate his adventures in the woods and

PHOTO WHITE DEATH OF THE KING'S CHILDREN

who declared she had deceived them in her promise of a new ruler. A troop of children come to beg the *Fiddler* to lead them in a search for the lost *King's Son* and his sweetheart, and he gladly consents. The *Woodcutter* and the *Broommaker* arrive and go into the hut, and hardly has the sound of the searching party died away than the *King's Son* and *Goose Girl* appear. They are half famished and beg of the *Woodcutter* something to eat, and he finally gives them some poisoned pastry which he finds in the hut. The outcasts eat it and die, and when the *Fiddler* and the children return from their useless search they can only mournfully bear away to the hills for burial the bodies of the poor *Kingly Children*.

## KÖNIGSKINDER RECORDS (In German)

### Lieber Spielmann (Dearest Fiddler)

**Geraldine Farrar, Soprano** **88405 12-inch, $3.00**

The song of the *Broommaker's* child, who is spokesman for the throng of children who come to the hut in Act III to beg the *Fiddler* to lead them in a search for the outcasts.

### O du liebheilige Einfalt du! (Thou Innocent One)

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone** **64184 10-inch, $1.00**

This is the *Fiddler's* answer to the appeal of the children that he go with them in their search for the *Royal Pair*.

### Ihr Kindlein sie sind gefunden (Children, We Have Found Them)

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone** **74287 12-inch, $1.50**

Sung by the *Fiddler* as the searching party return to the hut and discover the bodies of the *Children*.

GROUP OF CHILDREN—ACT III

(French)

# LAKMÉ

(*Lak-may*)

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

and Gille, taken from the story, *Le Mariage de Loti*. Music by Léo
First production Paris, April 14, 1883. First London production at
e 6, 1885. First American performance in 1883, by the Emma Abbot
sion that can hardly be taken seriously. First adequate production
cademy of Music, by the American Opera Company, under Theodore
L'Allemand in the title rôle. Produced at the Metropolitan Opera
with Patti; and again on April 22, 1892, with Marie van Zandt and
1911 by the Chicago Opera Company for Tetrazzini.

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Characters

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|---|---|
| ers of the British army in India | Tenor<br>Baritone |
| Brahman priest | Bass |
| slave | Tenor |
| r of Nilakantha | Soprano |
| of the Governor | Soprano |
| | Soprano |
| overness of the young ladies | Mezzo-Soprano |
| of Lakmé | Mezzo-Soprano |
| LLER | |
| RCHANT | |

## Fantaisie aux divins mensonges (Idle Fancies)

**By M. Rocca, Tenor** (*In French*) ***16573 10-inch, $0.75**

**He is struck with the daintiness and beauty of the gems and tries to picture the unknown beauty to whom they belong.**

GERALD:
Idle fancy, cradled by delusion,
You mislead me now as of old.
Go to dreamland, turn back in confusion,
Fair dove fantastic, with wings of gold.
(*Taking up a bracelet.*)
Of some fair maid round her arm folding,
This bracelet rich must oft entwine.
Ah! what delight would be the holding,
The hand that passes there, in mine.
(*Taking up a ring.*)
This ring of gold, my dream supposes,
Oft has followed, wand'ring for hours,
The small foot, that but reposes
On mossy banks or beds of flowers.
This necklace, too, with her own perfume scented,
Embalm'd as yet with sweets from her lips that came,
Has felt the true heart, beating, glad, contented,
Trembling with joy at the one well-loved name.
Away, fly, fond illusions,
Swiftly passing visions that my reason disturb!
Idle fancy, cradled by delusion, etc.

(*From the Ditson Edition.*)

**This beautiful air has been sung for the Victor by a brilliant and accomplished young tenor, M. Rocca, of the *Opera Comique*.**

**Hearing some one approaching, *Gerald* hides himself in the shrubbery. *Lakmé* enters and lays flowers at the feet of an idol. She is about to go when she pauses and tries to analyze a strange feeling which has come over her, saying:**

LAKMÉ:
In my heart now I feel there's a murmur so strange,
The flow'rs are more lovely appearing,
And Heaven's more radiant now.
From woods a new song I am hearing,
Fond zephyrs caress my brow.
And a fragrance that's rare is filling,
All my senses with a rapture so thrilling!

**She then sings her first lovely song,**

BERGER VALLANDRI AS LAKMÉ

## Pourquoi dans les grands bois (Why Love I Thus to Stray?)

**By Alice Verlet, Soprano**
(*In French*) ***45006 10-inch, $1.00**

**and asks herself why she loves to wander in the forest and why she is both sad and glad.**

LAKMÉ:
Why love I thus to stray,
In woods here, day by day,
While tears have sway?
Why doth the dove's note sadden,
And fill my heart with sighing;
As doth a fading flow'ret,
Or a leaf eastward flying?
Yet are these tears most sweet to me,
Tho' sad they be!
And my heart is gladsome,
Tho' I'm sighing, I'm gladsome.
Ah! why?
Why look for reasons here, in the song of the stream,
Where roses dream?
In leaves that fall around?
In my heart soft reposes, like a lily at rest,
Sweeter balm than yield roses, by gentle winds caressed,
Or by loving lips pressed. Tho' I sigh, I'm gladsome,
Ah, why?

**She suddenly sees *Gerald* among the trees and utters a cry of fear. Her attendants run in, but some intuition tells her not to reveal *Gerald's* presence, and she sends them away. Going to his hiding place she denounces him for trespassing on sacred ground, and bids him begone. He begs her for a few moments' conversation, and tells her of the impression she has made on his heart.**

GERALD: Ah! linger, go not yet, so thoughtful, sweet, unchiding!
Let blushing charms that mine eyes now have met,
O'ermantle thy cheek,
Its lily pallor hiding!

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 233.*

handsome youth with interest, but tells m of her father, who would surely seek glishman's desecration of holy ground. *Nilakantha,* summoned by *Lakmé's* attend- traces of a trespasser, declares that he ursuit of *Gerald,* leaving *Lakmé* motionless

## ACT II

*—A Street in an Indian City*

lic square, lined with Chinese and Indian nglish visitors are strolling about, viewing . *Nilakantha,* disguised as a beggar, is ruder, whom he has sworn to kill. *Lakmé* e dress of a dancing girl. He orders his g that the Englishman will recognize her f. She sings the famous *Bell Song.*

### lindoue (Bell Song)

zini, Soprano
(*In Italian*) 88297 12-inch, $3.00

, Soprano
(*In French*) 88084 12-inch, 3.00

ny, Soprano
(*In Italian*) 88219 12-inch, 3.00

Yaw, Soprano
(*In French*) 74090 12-inch, 1.50

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MARCHAL AS LAKMÉ

Delibes has ingeniously used bells to give character to this number, which is a most intricate one, especially in the refrain, where voice, woodwind and bells blend with many charming touches.

*Gerald* at first refuses thus to hide, declaring it unworthy of a British officer, but *Lakmé* pleads with him and he consents; but as he attempts to follow her he is stabbed by *Nilakantha*, who then escapes. *Lakmé* runs to *Gerald*, and overjoyed to find his wound is not serious, she prepares, with the help of her faithful attendant *Hadji*, to bear him to the forest retreat.

THIERY AS LAKMÉ

## ACT III

SCENE—*An Indian Forest*

Act III shows the hut in the tropical forest. *Gerald* is lying on a bed of leaves while *Lakmé* watches over him, singing soothing melodies. He opens his eyes and greets her with rapture, singing his beautiful *In Forest Depths*.

### Vieni al contento profondo (In Forest Depths)

**By John McCormack, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) **64171 10-inch, $1.00**

This lovely *cantilena* is given in delightful style by Mr. McCormack.

BEUTLINGER CHARPANTIER AS LAKMÉ

GERALD:
I too recall,—still mute, inanimate,—
I saw you bent o'er my lips; while thus lying,
My soul upon your look was attracted and fastened;
'Neath your breath life awoke and recovery hastened.
O my charming Lakmé;
Through forest depths secluded,
Love's wing above us has passed;
Earth-cares have not been intruded,
And heaven on us falls at last.
These flow'ring vines, with blooms capricious,
Bear o'er our pathway scents delicious;
Which soft hearts, with raptures beset,
While all else we forget!

As the days pass and *Gerald* recovers his strength, he seems to forget all else but his love for the Brahman maiden, but one day, while she is absent, his friend *Frederic* finds him and urges him to return to his duty, telling him his regiment is ordered off at once to suppress an outbreak among the Hindoos. *Gerald* promises to be at his post in time, but asks for a few moments in which to say good-bye to *Lakmé*. *Frederic* leaves with his promise, and when *Lakmé* comes back she finds *Gerald* changed. She asks the reason, but before he can answer the distant sound of bugles calling the regiment together is heard. She sees by his face that he means to go back to his friends, and in despair she eats some flowers of the deadly stramonium tree and dies in his arms, just as her father and friends arrive upon the scene.

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS LAKMÉ RECORDS

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| **Pourquoi dans les grands bois (Why Love I Thus to Stray?)** By Alice Verlet, Soprano (*In French*) | 45006 | 10-inch, | $1.00 |
| *Mignon—Polonaise* By Mlle. Korsoff, Soprano (*In French*) | | | |
| **Fantaisie aux divins mensonges (Idle Fancies)** By M. Rocca, Tenor (*In French*) | 16573 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| *Rigoletto—Cortigiani, vil razza dannata—Renzo Minolfi* (*Italian*) | | | |

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(Italian)

# INDA DI CHAMOUNIX

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

music by Donizetti. First production in Vienna, May 19, 1842; in 842; in London, June, 1843; in New York, at Palmo's Theatre, Janu- tilda Barili. Given at the Academy of Music, March 9, 1861, with Revived April 23, 1890, with Patti, at the Metropolitan.

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### Cast

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| OISFLEURY | Baritone |
| IRVAL, his son | Tenor |
| RIEST | Bass |
| STOLOT, a farmer | Bass |
| wife | Mezzo-Soprano |
| ughter | Soprano |

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*ce : Chamounix and Paris, 1760, during the reign of Louis XV.*

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an aged couple, *Loustolot* and *Madeline*, and their only daughter *Linda*, ey of the Chamounix (in the French Alps). *Linda* loves a young has come to the valley to paint the mountains. The *Marquis de Sirval*, : on *Loustolot's* farm, visits the old couple and assures them that he tgage; but at the same time he is secretly plotting to effect the ruin

speaks of her love for *Charles*. She then sings the gem of the first

WHITE, N. Y. LOBETANZ PLAYING FOR THE PRINCESS—ACT I

(German) **LOBETANZ** (English) **MERRYDANCE**

## MUSICAL PLAY IN THREE ACTS

Text by Otto Julius Bierbaum; music by Ludwig Thuille. First production at Mannheim, Germany, 1898. First production in America November 18, 1911, with Gadski, Jadlowker, Witherspoon and Murphy.

GADSKI AS THE PRINCESS

**Cast**

LOBETANZ.....Tenor
THE PRINCESS.....Mezzo-Soprano
THE KING.....Bass
THE FORESTER, THE HANGMAN, THE JUDGE, .....Speaking Parts

Girls, musicians, prisoners, two heralds, the people.

*Time and Place: Germany in the Middle Ages.*

The story of *Lobetanz* resembles an old fairy tale in its simplicity, the Prince Charming in this instance being a wandering musician, and the ending, as in all good fairy stories, being of the "lived-happy-ever-after" variety.

The curtain rises on a rose fête, which young girls are preparing in anticipation of the arrival of the *King* and his daughter. The *Princess* is ill, and the *King* has appointed a day of festivity in the hope that it will revive her. *Lobetanz*, a wandering musician, strolls into the *King's* rose garden, where the preparations are being made, and stays to watch the royal

HE GALLOWS SCENE

procession, which is accompanied by poets and singers. The musicians play and sing to the *Princess*, but all their efforts fail to please her. Suddenly a violin is heard from an arbor in the rear of the garden. The *Princess* is immediately fascinated with the music, and *Lobetanz* comes forward, his instrument on his shoulder. The pathos of his playing so affects the *Princess* that she swoons, and *Lobetanz* barely escapes from the wrath of the people.

In the second act the strolling minstrel meets the *Princess* in a wood and tells her of his love for her. The lovers are interrupted by the arrival of the *King* and the ınd *Lobetanz* is seized by the pikemen and dragged away, while the n.

ws the unfortunate lover in prison, charged with witchcraft, and sen- . As preparations are being made to place the noose about his neck, of the *Princess* approaches. *Lobetanz* begs to be allowed to play upon declaring he can revive her. The *King* promises him his daughter's er back to life again. As *Lobetanz* plays, the flush of life appears upon ıng girl, and she slowly revives and is clasped in her lover's arms.

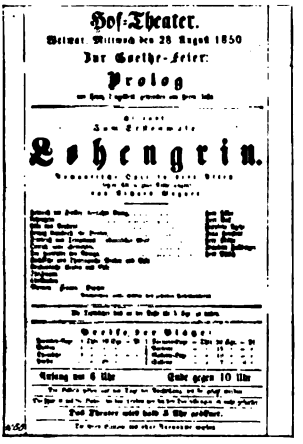
# LOHENGRIN

*(Loh'-en-grin)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Words and music by Richard Wagner. First produced at Weimar, Germany, August 28, 1850, under the direction of Liszt. Produced at Weisbaden, 1853; Munich and Vienna, 1858; Berlin, 1859. First London production, 1875, and also, in Italian, at Covent Garden the same year. First production in English at Her Majesty's, in 1880. St. Petersburg, 1875; Paris, 1887. First American production at Stadt Theatre, in New York, April 3, 1871; in New York, in Italian, March 23, 1874, with Nilsson, Cary, Campanini and Del Puente; in German, in 1885, with Brandt, Krauss, Fischer and Stritt—this being Anton Seidl's American début as a conductor. First New Orleans production, in Italian, December 3, 1877; in French, March 4, 1889.

*Lohengrin* is the second of all operas in popularity in Germany (*Carmen* taking the lead), and during the decade, 1901-1910, had 3,458 performances.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Weimar, Mittwoch den 28 August 1850

Zur Goethe-Feier:

Prolog

Lohengrin.

PROGRAM OF ORIGINAL PRODUCTION

### Characters

HENRI THE FOWLER, King of Germany ..... Bass
LOHENGRIN ..... Tenor
ELSA OF BRABANT ..... Soprano
DUKE GODFREY, her brother ..... Mute Personage
FREDERICK OF TELRAMUND, Count of Brabant .. Baritone
ORTRUD, his wife ..... Mezzo-Soprano
THE KING'S HERALD ..... Bass

Saxon, Thuringian and Brabantian Counts and Nobles, Ladies of Honor, Pages, Attendants.

*Scene and Period: Antwerp, first half of the tenth century.*

Most of us are familiar with the story of the Knight *Lohengrin*, who comes in his boat, drawn by a swan, to defend *Elsa* from the charge (preferred by *Telramund* and *Ortrud*, who covet *Elsa's* estates) of having murdered her young brother, *Godfrey*.

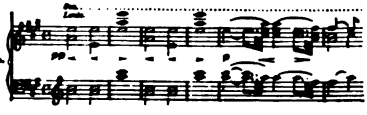
GADSKI AS ELSA

*Telramund* is vanquished and disgraced by *Lohengrin*, who wins *Elsa* as his bride. One condition he exacts from her—that she shall never ask who he is or whence he came. By the influence of *Ortrud*, however, she rashly questions him, and in fulfillment of his vow, but in deep grief, he leaves her and departs in his boat drawn by a dove. The ethereal Grail harmonies, the lovely *Swan Motive*, the noble *Prayer of the King* and the *Bridal Chorus* make this one of the most melodious of all the master's operas.

## Prelude

**By La Scala Orchestra 31779 12-inch, $1.00**

The prelude, one of the most beautiful of all Wagner's compositions, symbolizes the descent from Heaven of a group of angels bearing the Holy Grail. The number begins with soft A major chords in the highest register of the violin. The motive of the Grail is then announced:



COPY'T MISHKIN

WITHERSPOON AS THE KING

Coming nearer and nearer, the light of the Grail is seen in the sky, while the air is filled with the blessings dispensed by the holy cup. As the sounds grow louder, the senses are overwhelmed, until at the tremendous climax thundered out by the full orchestra the mystic light of the Grail is seen in all its glory.

The mysterious Grail motive then fades away, being played at the end by muted strings; and the number ends with the same A major chords *pianissimo*.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Banks of the Scheldt, near Antwerp*

*King Henry* of Germany arrives at Antwerp and finds Brabant in almost a state of anarchy. He summons the counts and nobles of Saxony and Brabant to meet under the Oak of Justice, and calls on *Frederick of Telramund* for an explanation, saying:

COPY'T MISHKIN

GORITZ AS TELRAMUND

PANEL BY HUGO BRAUNE

ELSA RELATING HER DREAM

KING:
Here, to my grief, I meet with naught but strife.
All in disunion, from your chiefs estranged!
Confusion, civil warfare meet we here.
On thee I call, Frederick of Telramund!
I know thee for a knight as brave as true,
I charge thee, let me know this trouble's cause.

***Frederick*** **now advances and begins his narrative, boldly accusing** ***Elsa*** **of the murder of her brother.**

FREDERICK:
Thanks, gracious King, that thou to judge art come!
The truth I'll tell thee, falsehood I disdain.
When death was closing round our valiant Duke,
'Twas me he chose as guardian of his children,
Elsa the maiden, and Gottfried her brother;
Whose dawning with tender care I guarded,
Whose welfare I have treasured as my honor,
My sov'reign, mark now, if I'm aggrieved.

When of my honor's treasure I am robbed!
One day, when Elsa had with her brother wandered forth,
Without the boy, trembling, she returned,
With feign'd lamenting, questioned of his safety,

(PARIS OPÉRA)

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MLLE. ACKTE (HELSINGFORS)

BANKS OF THE SCHELDT—ACT I

ELSA AND LOHENGRIN

Pretending she had been from him divided,
And in vain his traces she had sought,
Fruitless was every search we made to find him;
And when I questioned her with words severe,
Her pallor and her falt'ring tongue betray'd her,
Her crime in its guilty blackness stood confess'd!
A horror fell upon me of the maid;
The claim upon her hand her father had conferr'd
With willing heart, I straight resigned,
And chose a wife full pleasant to my sense,
Ortrud, daughter of Radbod, true in death.
I here arraign her, Princess Elsa of Brabant;
Of fratricide be she charged!
I claim dominion o'er this land by right;
My nearest kinsman was the valiant Duke,
My wife descended of the race
That gave this land their rulers thro' long ages past.
O King, give judgment! All now thou hast heard!

The *King* is much disturbed, and asks that *Elsa* be sent for. When she enters timidly, with downcast eyes, he says kindly: "Speak, *Elsa*, in thy King thou may'st confide!"

The young girl seems bewildered and dreamily sings the lovely *Traum*, telling of her vision of a splendid Knight who came to be her defender.

## Elsa's Traum (Elsa's Dream)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano** (*In German*) **88038 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Emma Juch, Soprano** (*Piano acc.*) (*In German*) **74014 12-inch, 1.50**

ARRIVAL OF LOHENGRIN

## Nun sei bedankt, mein lieber Schwan! (Thanks, My Trusty Swan!)

**By Fernando de Lucia, Tenor** (*In Italian*)
**76002 12-inch, $2.00**
**By Leo Slezak, Tenor** (*In German*)
**61203 10-inch, 1.00**

***Lohengrin* steps out, then turning and caressing the swan, sings:**

LOHENGRIN:
I give thee thanks, my faithful swan!
Turn thee again and breast the tide,
Return unto that land of dawn
Where joyous we did long abide,
Well thy appointed task is done!
Farewell! farewell! my trusty swan!
(*to the King*)
Hail, gracious sov'reign!
Victory and honor be thy valor's meed!
Thy glorious name shall from the land
That chose thee ruler, ne'er depart.

**The knight now announces that he has come to defend the maiden, who is unjustly accused by her enemy.**

LOHENGRIN:
Ye knights, nobles and freemen of this land,
Guiltless and true is Elsa of Brabant!
Thy tale was falsehood, Count Telramund,
By Heav'n's assistance all thou shalt recant!

ELSA: Oft when the hours were lonely,
I unto Heav'n have pray'd,
One boon I ask'd for only,
To send the orphans aid;
Away my words were wafted,
I dreamt not help was nigh,
But One on high vouchsaf'd it,
While I in sleep did lie.
(*with growing enthusiasm*)
I saw in splendor shining,
A knight of glorious mien,
On me his eyes inclining,
With tranquil gaze serene.
A horn of gold beside him,
He leant upon his sword,
His words so low and tender,
Brought life renew'd to me.
(*with rapture*)
My guardian, my defender,
Thou shalt my champion be.

**The *King* is much moved, and calls for a judgment of God after the fashion of the time. The trumpeters blow the summons to the four points of the compass, and the Herald calls:**

Who will do battle here for Elsa of Brabant!
Let him appear!

**At first there comes no response, and *Elsa* is in despair, but after a second call a knight in shining armor is seen approaching in a boat drawn by a swan.**

PANEL BY HUGO BRAUNE

THE FIGHT BETWEEN LOHENGRIN AND TELRAMUND—ACT I

HE PLOT—ACT II

The *King* bids the nobles prepare to fight, and in this noble *Gebet* calls upon Heaven to judge between the combatants.

## Mein Herr und Gott —Koenig's Gebet (King's Prayer)

**By Marcel Journet, Bass** *(In German)*

**64013 10-inch, $1.00**

KING HENRY:

O King of kings, on Thee I call;
Look down on us in this dread hour!
Let him in this ordeal fall
Whom Thou know'st guilty, Lord of pow'r!
To stainless knight give strength and might,
With craven heart the false one smite;
Do Thou, O Lord, to hear us deign,
For all our wisdom is but vain!

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in Thee!

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ar hath known.

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THE KING DENOUNCING TELRAMUND—ACT II

ELSA:
Ye wand'ring breezes heard me,
When grief was all I knew;
Now that delight hath stirred me,
My joy I'll breathe to you!

TELRAMUND AND ORTRUD:
'Tis she! Be near, ye powers of darkness!

ELSA (*continuing dreamily*):
Thro' heaven's azure ye bore him,
Ye wafted him to me;
'Mid stormy waves watched o'er him,
My guide, my love to be!
Where'er thy pinion rusheth,
The mourner's tears are dried;
My cheek that burns and flusheth
With love, oh cool and hide!

## Du Aermste (Thou Unhappy One)

**By Emma Eames and Louise Homer** (*In German*) **89021 12-inch, $4.00**

***Elsa,*** **who has finished her rapturous soliloquy to the wandering breeze, still lingers on the balcony, enjoying the balmy night and dreaming of her betrothal on the morrow.** ***Ortrud,*** **pursuing the plot agreed upon with** ***Frederick,*** **appears and calls to** ***Elsa,*** **who hearing her name, cries:**

Who calls? How strangely
My name resoundeth thro' the night!

***Ortrud*** **feigns repentance, and** ***Elsa,*** **in her new-found happiness, forgives her, saying:**

COPY'T DUPONT EAMES AS ELSA

Unhappy one, that thy heart could know
the treasure
Of love that knows not fear or doubt!
No child of earth that bliss can measure
Who doth not dwell in faith devout!
Rest thee with me!

***Ortrud*** **warns** ***Elsa*** **against trusting her husband too blindly, hinting of the mystery in his life, and thus plants a seed of suspicion in the young girl's heart. The duet then follows:**

ELSA:
Oh, let me teach thee
How trust doth hallow joy and love.
Turn, then, to our faith, I beseech thee,
Oh, turn unto our faith divine,
For God is love!

ORTRUD (*aside—with fierce joy*):
Oh! pride of heart, I yet will teach thee,
That an illusion is this love,
The gods of vengeance soon shall reach thee,
Their wrath-destroying thou shalt prove!

***Elsa*** **enters the palace and** ***Telramund*** **renews his vow of imprecation.**

he Herald appears and announces the
*d. Elsa,* attended by her ladies, passes
inster but is suddenly confronted by
ed herself again in splendid garments.
e fact that her knight has no name.

COPY'T DUPONT

SCHUMANN-HEINK AS ORTRUD

inger, say, as what doth thou
n him?
e heard aright, thou canst not
im!

*nantly*):
iderer, taunt me no more,
eply all doubts assure—
ind noble is his nature,
can match in high renown.
here live so vile a creature
erse all honor's crown?

*ngrin* now enter and *Elsa,* astonished and
*in,* saying:

ielter me against her

ey'd not thy command;
ping sore by yonder

And in compassion harbor'd her this night,
And now with harsh and bitter words of hatred
She taunts me for my boundless trust in thee!

## ACT III

SCENE I—*The Bridal Chamber in the Palace*

the *Wedding March* played by the orchestra

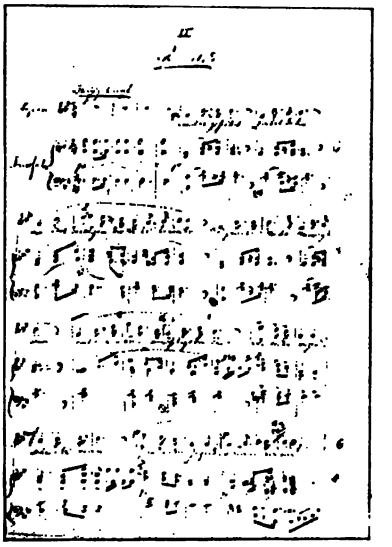
The party goes slowly out, leaving the bridal pair alone, while the strains of the nuptial air die away in the distance.

The full strength of the Victor organization has been used for the vocal rendition, and the result is a record of surpassing beauty. An instrumental record of this number is also offered.

## Bridal Chorus

By Victor Opera Chorus
(*In English*) 31846 12-inch, $1.00
By Arthur Pryor's Band
31227 12-inch, 1.00
By La Scala Chorus
(*In Italian*) *16537 10-inch, .75

The bridal pair are left alone and a long duet occurs, part of which is recorded here by two famous artists of La Scala.



FRAGMENT OF THE BRIDAL CHORUS IN WAGNER'S OWN HANDWRITING

## Cessero i canti alfin (The Song Has Died Away)

By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano;
Fernando de Lucia, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 92055 12-inch, $3.00

The beautiful air which *Lohengrin* sings in the duet, *Dost Thou Breathe the Incense,* is also given here by Dalmores.

## Athmest du nicht mit mir die süssen Düfte? (Dost Thou Breathe the Incense Sweet?)

By Charles Dalmores, Tenor (*In German*) 87088 10-inch, $2.00

This duet is scarcely over when the poison instilled in *Elsa's* mind by *Ortrud* causes her, in violation of her promise, to question *Lohengrin* as to his name and origin. He remonstrates with her, at first gently and then with authority, reminding her that she has promised not to ask his name. She becomes more and more agitated, saying:

COPYRT. DUPONT

HOMER AS ORTRUD

ELSA:
No, thou shalt not compel me to trust by
words of blame—
No, not unless thou tell me thy country
and thy name!

LOHENGRIN:
Elsa, oh, I conjure thee!

ELSA:
What fatal spell is thine?
In vain wouldst thou assure me—
Declare thy race and name!

They are interrupted by the entrance of *Frederick* and four associates, who break in with drawn swords. *Elsa* shrieks and hands *Lohengrin* his sword, with which he strikes *Frederick* dead. The nobles surrender, and *Elsa* falls senseless in *Lohengrin's* arms. After a long silence, *Lohengrin* orders the body into the Judgment Hall, and gives *Elsa* in charge of her ladies.

SCENE II—*Same as Act I*

A quick change of scene shows again the banks of the Scheldt at Antwerp, as in Act I. The *King* and his nobles await the coming of *Lohengrin,* who is to accompany them to battle. They are startled by the entrance of the nobles bearing the body

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 250.*

*in* enters and is
h warmth:

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are near,
ive the word,
conq'ring sword.

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ed to decline the
ition, and tells of

n, bear me blame-

ust be nameless,
I suspend!
battle here I came

ur leniency I claim

ld that I am guilty?
e is due.
despite honor and

him I slew?

*Telramund* to be
*grin* now reveals
*a* has broken her

in face of Heav'n

## Lohengrin's Narrative—In fernem Land (In Distant Lands)

**By Herman Jadlowker, Tenor** (*In German*) **76026 12-inch, $2.00**
**By Evan Williams, Tenor** (*In English*) **74130 12-inch, 1.50**

LOHENGRIN:
In distant land, by ways remote and hidden,
There stands a mount that men call Monsalvat;
It holds a shrine, to the profane forbidden:
More precious there is nought on earth than that,
And thron'd in light it holds a cup immortal,
That whoso sees from earthly sin is cleans'd;
'Twas borne by angels thro' the heav'nly portal—
Its coming hath a holy reign commenc'd.
Once every year a dove from Heav'n descendeth,
To strengthen it anew for works of grace;
'Tis called the Grail, the pow'r of Heav'n attendeth
The faithful knights who guard that sacred place.
He whom the Grail to be its servant chooses
Is armed henceforth by high invincible might;
All evil craft its power before him loses,
The spirits of darkness where he dwells take flight.
Nor will he lose the awful charm it blendeth,
Although he should be called to distant lands,
When the high cause of virtue he defendeth:
While he's unknown, its spell he still commands.
By perils dread the holy Grail is girded,

ELSA AND LOHENGRIN

MORENA AS ELSA

No eye rash or profane its light may see;
Its champion knight from doubtings shall be warded,
If known to man, he must depart and flee.
Now mark, craft or disguise my soul disdaineth,
The Grail sent me to right yon lady's name;
My father, Percival, gloriously reigneth,
His knight am I, and Lohengrin my name!

After this amazing narrative, which causes a great stir among the people, the swan appears to conduct *Lohengrin* away.

LADIES AND MEN:
While I hear him the wondrous tale revealing,
The holy tears adown my cheek are stealing!

ELSA:
'Tis dark around me! Give me air!
Oh, help, help! oh, me, most wretched!

LADIES AND MEN (*in great excitement*):
The swan! the swan! the swan!
The stream he floateth down.
The swan! ah, he comes!

ELSA (*half-fainting*):
Oh, horror! ah, the swan!

## : OF THE OPERA—WAGNER'S LOHENGRIN

ıust obey the Grail!
that this summons ne'er

e'er had seen!
ıuld soon be o'er
would have pass'd;
transcendent pow'r,

In thy true shape we'd meet at last!
Oh, Elsa, think what joys thy doubts have ended!
Couldst thou not trust in me for one short year?
Then thy dear brother, whom the Grail defended,
In life and honor thou had'st welcomed here!

now reveals the fact that the swan is really *Elsa's* brother, whom
ı magic. *Lohengrin* kneels in prayer, and as the dove of the Grail is
wan sinks, and *Gottfried*, the young Duke, arises, restored to human
is drawn away by the dove as *Elsa* faints in her brother's arms.

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## D AND MISCELLANEOUS LOHENGRIN RECORDS

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| III (Bridal March)<br>ndelssohn) | By Herbert's Orchestra<br>*By Herbert's Orchestra* | 55048 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| | By Rosario Bourdon, 'Cellist<br>*By Maximilian Pilzer, Violinist* | 35399 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| nlied) | By Sousa's Band<br>*By Rosario Bourdon, 'Cellist* | 35114 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| —Elsa's Aria—Finale, Act I<br>ls—*Intermezzo Religieuse* | By Pryor's Band<br>*By Howard Rattay, Violinist* | 35147 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| | By La Scala Orchestra | 62693 | 10-inch, | .75 |

# I LOMBARDI THE LOMBARDS

*(Ee Lohm-bar-dih)*

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Words by Solera. Music by Verdi. First produced at La Scala, Milan, February 11, 1843, a year after the production of Verdi's Nabucco. Produced in Berlin, September, 1843; London, at Her Majesty's Theatre, March 3, 1846; Paris, *Théâtre Italien*, January 10, 1863. First New York production March 3, 1847, by an Italian Opera Company, under the management of Signor Sanguinico Patti (father of Adelina Patti), and Signor Pogliani. In the spring of 1914 Lombardi was given in Florence by the Scolopian Fathers of San Giovannino. Each year it is their custom to celebrate the last three evenings of the carnival season with a musical performance in their little church in Via Martelli, and last year, as a tribute to Verdi, his story of the Lombards in the Crusades was chosen.

### Characters

| | |
|---|---|
| PAGANO, a bandit, brother to Arvino | Bass |
| ARVINO, a nobleman of Lombardy | Tenor |
| PIRRO, an accomplice of Pagano | Bass |
| ACCIANUS, King of Antioch | Tenor |
| ORONTES, son of Accianus | Tenor |
| VICLINDA, wife of Arvino | Soprano |
| GISELDA, her daughter | Soprano |
| SOPHIA, mother of Orontes | Contralto |

*Time and Place: Lombardy and Antioch, in the Holy Land, in the eleventh century.*

Much of the music of Lombardi was afterward used by Verdi in his *Jerusalem*, brought out at the *Académie*, Paris, November 26, 1847, this being the last appearance of the famous tenor Duprez.

The action of the opera takes place at the time of the first crusade against the Saracens. Previous to the events of Act I, *Pagano* and *Arvino*, sons of *Folco* the Lombard, Prince of Rhodes, both fall in love with *Viclinda*, who prefers *Arvino* and marries him. *Pagano*, filled with jealousy, tries to take his brother's life, but is unsuccessful and flees his country, becoming a brigand.

The opera opens in the square in front of the Cathedral Church of St. Ambrose at Antioch. *Pagano* has returned, repentant and forgiven, but when he sees the happiness of his brother and the woman he still loves, the old feeling of revenge returns. With the assistance of *Pirro*, armor-bearer to *Arvino*, he again makes an attempt upon his brother's life, but by mistake stabs his father, *Folco*. In despair at his crime he flies to the deserts of Palestine and, becoming a hermit, repents and lives a holy life.

The scenes of the second act are laid in and about Antioch. *Giselda*, daughter of *Arvino*, grown to womanhood, has been taken prisoner by the Saracens, and during her captivity falls in love with *Orontes*, a Saracen prince, in whose harem she is a prisoner, and whose mother, *Sophia*, befriends her. *Arvino*, meanwhile, at the call of *Peter* the hermit—who is, unknown to him, his brother *Pagano*—has crossed the water with knights and warriors to the first crusade; he seeks the hermit to inquire about his daughter, who promises that he shall soon meet her. *Pirro*, his old accomplice, having also repented of his crime, has promised to open the gates of Antioch to the Christian soldiers.

The next scene is in the harem of *Orontes* in Antioch, where *Giselda* is prisoner. On the entrance of her father and *Peter* the hermit, she, believing them to have slain her lover, gives them but a cold welcome, which greatly incenses her father. *Orontes*, meanwhile, having escaped, dressed as a Lombard, persuades *Giselda* to fly with him, but being pursued, he is mortally wounded and dies in the hermitage of *Peter*, having first become a convert to Christianity.

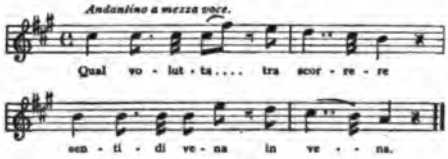
The last act opens with *Giselda* having a vision of her lover in heaven. *Pagano*, or *Peter* the hermit, leads the Crusaders to the siege of Jerusalem, and, in protecting his brother, is mortally wounded. He then reveals his identity and dies embracing *Arvino*.

## Vith Sacred Joy)

la, Soprano; Enrico Caruso, Tenor and
et, Bass (*In Italian*) **95211 12-inch $5.00**

: of the most famous of all the numbers from the older Italian operas, the scene representing the Valley of Jehosophat, near Jerusalem. aiden, who has been held a prisoner in Antioch, falls in love with a es, and when Antioch is captured by the Christians, the lovers are ı of *Giselda's* father, who is in command of the conquering army. *ntes* is wounded, but the lovers are protected by a hermit, who takes 'he trio begins at the moment when *Orontes* renounces his Saracen faith n for *Giselda's* sake.

s purest tones with *Orontes'* sympathetic melody—




r duet passages between *Giselda* and the priest, and later between the e terzetto grows more intense and moving as it proceeds, and the three in dramatic fashion, conclude the trio with a splendid triumphant note.

THE COTTAGE OF JULIEN AND LOUISE AT MONTMARTRE—ACT III

# LOUISE

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Words and music by Gustave Charpentier. First presented at the *Opéra Comique*, Paris, February 2, 1900. First American production at the Manhattan Opera, 1908.

### Characters

LOUISE ..... Soprano
HER MOTHER ..... Contralto
HER FATHER ..... Baritone
JULIEN, an artist ..... Tenor
Girls at the Dressmaking Establishment, Street Peddlers, People, etc.

*Scene and Period: Paris; the present time.*

Charpentier's first opera, *Louise*, is a romance of bohemian Paris. The story tells of *Louise*, a beautiful young girl engaged in a dressmaking establishment. *Julien*, a romantic artist, falls in love with the maiden, and soon finds his love returned. The mother and father of *Louise* disapprove of the gay young artist, but *Julien* will not give up his sweetheart, and implores her to leave her hard work and go with him to a little home. *Louise* at first steadily refuses, knowing how her parents would grieve, but *Julien* persists, tempts her with visions of a bright future with him, and at last, unable to resist, the young girl consents.

Here she falls in with a merry company of true Parisian bohemians, who crown her as the Queen of Revels. In the midst of a gay party her mother appears, begging the young girl to return to her father, who is ill. *Louise* is filled with remorse and returns to her home, trying all the while to forget the gay, happy life she has left at Montmartre. Her father reproaches her for her conduct, and *Louise*, remembering only the kindness and tenderness of *Julien*, rushes out into the night and hastens back to the protection of her lover.

The Victor offers three fine records of the lovely *Depuis le jour*, sung by *Louise* in the garden at Montmartre in Act III. The young girl tells *Julien* how happy she has been since they came to the cottage, comparing her life with him to the dreary one she had left.

## Depuis le jour (Ever Since the Day)

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| **By Nellie Melba, Soprano** | (*In French*) | **88477** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Alma Gluck, Soprano** | (*In French*) | **74252** | **12-inch,** | **1.50** |
| **By Florence Hinkle, Soprano** | (*In French*) | **70085** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |

(Italian)

# ICIA DI LAMMERMOOR

*(Loo-chee'-ah dee Lah-mair-moor')*

(English)

# ICY OF LAMMERMOOR

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Cammerano, derived from Scott's novel, "The Bride of Lammermoor." izetti. First production at Naples, September 26, 1835. Performed iesty's, April 5, 1838; Paris, 1839; New Orleans, December 28, 1841; at the Park Theatre, November 17, 1845; and in Italian, November 14, s occurred April 7, 1890, at the Metropolitan, with Patti; April 26, 1894, at the Metropolitan, with Melba; November 20, 1900, American Theatre, with Yvonne de Treville.

### Characters

HENRY ASHTON, of Lammermoor . . . . . Baritone
LUCY, his sister . . . . . Soprano
SIR EDGAR, of Ravenswood . . . . . Tenor
LORD ARTHUR BUCKLAW . . . . . Tenor
RAYMOND, chaplain to Lord Ashton . . . . . Tenor
ALICE, companion to Lucy . . . . . Mezzo-Soprano
NORMAN, Captain of the Guard at Ravenswood . . Tenor

Ladies and Knights related to the Ashtons; Pages,

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CONSTANTINO AS EDGAR

## ACT I

SCENE I—*A Forest near Lammermoor*

The curtain rises, disclosing *Norman*, and followers of *Sir Henry*. *Norman* tells the retainers to watch carefully and ascertain who is secretly meeting *Lucy*. In the opening chorus they promise to watch with diligence.

### Opening Chorus, Act I

**La Scala Chorus** (*Italian*) ***62106 10-inch, $0.75**

*Sir Henry* enters and talks with *Norman* of his suspicion that *Lucy* has formed an attachment for some unknown knight. *Norman* suggests that it may be *Edgar*. *Henry* is furious and declares he will have a deadly vengeance.

SCENE II—*A Park near the Castle*

*Lucy* enters, accompanied by her faithful attendant, *Alice*. She has come from the castle to meet her lover, *Edgar;* and while waiting for him, tells *Alice* of the legend of the fountain, which relates how a Ravenswood lover once slew a maiden on this spot.

### Regnava nel silenzio (Silence O'er All)

**By Tetrazzini** (*In Italian*) **88303 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano**
(*In Italian*) ***16539 10-inch, .75**

*Lucy* shudderingly relates how she once saw the spectre of the murdered girl, and fears it is an omen of the future.

LUCIA:

Silence o'er all was reigning,
Dark was the night and low'ring,
And o'er yon fountain her pallid ray
Yon pale moon was pouring,
Faintly a sharp but stifled sigh
Fell on my startled ear,
And straightway upon the fountain's brink,
The spectre did appear!
But slow on high its skeleton hand,
Threat'ning it did uprear,
Stood for a moment immovable,
Then vanish'd from my view!
(*Despondently.*)
Oh, what horrid omen is this?
I ought to banish from my heart this love,
But I cannot; it is my life,
And comfort to my suff'ring soul!

This graceful number is given by Mme. Tetrazzini with rare charm and pathos; the concluding ornamental passages being sung with especial delicacy. The black label rendition by Mme. Huguet is also a very attractive one.

This is followed by the second part,—the beautiful

### Quando rapita in estasi (Swift as Thought)

**Graziella Pareto**
(*In Italian*) **76009 12-inch, $2.00**
**Giuseppina Huguet *63172 10-inch, .75**

an animated melody admirably given here by Mme. Huguet and Mme. Pareto.

*Edgar* appears and tells *Lucy* that he has been summoned to France, and proposes that he seek out *Henry* and endeavor to end the mortal feud which exists between the families. *Lucy*, knowing her brother only too well, entreats him to keep their love secret or they will be forever parted. *Edgar*, roused to fury by this evidence of *Henry's* mortal hate, renews his vow of vengeance, beginning a dramatic duet.

MATZENE, CHICAGO

SAMMARCO AS SIR HENRY

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 261.*

## Sulla tomba che rinserra (By My Father's Tomb)

**By Emma Trentini, Soprano, and Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) *16574 10-inch, $0.75

EDGAR:
By the lone tomb, o'er the cold grave
Where my father's bones lie moulding,
With thy kindred eternal warfare
To the death I swore to wage!
Ah! when I saw thee my heart relented:
Of my dark vow I half repented;
But my oath remains unbroken,
Still I've power to redeem my gage!

LUCY:
Ah! pray calm thee, ah, restrain thee;
Think what misery will soon enthral me;
I can scarce from fear sustain me;
Would'st thou have me die from terror?
Yield thee, yield thee to the dictates of affection,
'Tis a nobler, purer passion,
Let that thought thy rage assuage!

***Edgar*** **now says that he must go, and in a tender duet, which closes the act, the lovers bid each other farewell.**

## Verranno a te sull' aura (Borne on the Sighing Breeze)

**By Alice Nielsen, Soprano, and Florencio Constantino, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) 74064 12-inch, $1.50

**By Emma Trentini, Soprano, and Martinez-Patti, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) *62106 10-inch, .75

EDGAR:
My sighs shall on the balmy breeze
That hither wafts thee, be borne, love;
Each murm'ring wave shall echo make.
How I thy absence do mourn, love!
Ah! think of me when far away,
With nought my heart to cheer;
I shall bedew each thought of thee
With many a bitter tear!

LUCY:
The balmy breeze that bears thy sigh,
Will waft one back from me, love;
The murm'ring waves re-echoing still
I'm ever constant to thee, love!
Ah! think of me when far away,
With nought my heart to cheer;
I shall bedew each thought of thee
With many a bitter tear!
Ah! thou wilt not fail to write me,
Many a lonely hour 'twill cheer;

EDGAR:
Fear not! Have no fear, thou shalt hear!

BOTH:
My sighs shall on the balmy breeze
That hither wafts thee be borne, love; etc.

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MCCORMACK AS EDGAR

***Edgar*** **tears himself from her arms and departs, leaving the half-fainting** ***Lucy*** **to be consoled by her faithful** ***Alice.***

### ACT II

SCENE I—*An Ante-room in the Castle*

***Sir Henry*** **and his retainer** ***Norman*** **are discussing the approaching marriage of** ***Lucy*** **to** ***Arthur.*** **The events which have occurred since Act I are indicated by this extract from the text:**

HENRY:
Should Lucy still persist
In opposing me—

NORMAN:
Have no fear! The long absence
Of him she mourneth, the letters
We've intercepted, and the false news thou'lt tell her,
Will quench all hope that yet may linger.
Believing Edgar faithless, from her bosom love will vanish!

HENRY:
See, she approaches! Thou hast that forged letter,
Give it me. Now haste thee to the northern entrance,
There keep watch and await
The approach of Arthur, and with all speed, on his arrival
Conduct him hither!

(*Exit Norman.*)

***Lucy*** **enters, pale and listless, and to her brother's greeting:**

HENRY:
Draw nearer, my Lucy.
On this fair day accept a brother's greeting!
May this glad day, sacred to Love and Hymen,
Auspicious prove to thee. Thou hear'st me? Thou'rt silent!

**she answers with a last appeal to him to release her from this hated marriage.**

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 261.*

## (If My Cheek is Pale)

**.billa and Francesco Cigada** *(In Italian)* ***16574 10-inch, $0.75**

pale and haggard,
worn with sadness!
oo plainly
ny despair?
from Heaven
is thy inhuman constraint.

mination,
but silent!
'! Banish thy dejection!
ine honor could taint.
ou wilt have.

LUCY:
Cease to urge me!
To another true faith have I sworn!
HENRY:
'Tis well!
By this letter thou may'st see
How he keeps his faith with thee!
Read it.
*(Hands her a letter.)*
LUCY:
How beats my flutt'ring heart!
*(Reads)*:
Ah! great Heaven!

ion, now tells her that unless she consents to wed *Arthur* he will be
This begins another duet, the *Se tradirme.*

## potrai (I'm Thy Guardian)

**prano; Cigada, Baritone** *(In Italian)* ***62089 10-inch, $0.75**

r'st thou brave me?
t thou save me?
hee, my sister,
r's doom?
thread hanging;
d deathbell clanging,
ll power?
o the tomb?

LUCY:
I'm thy sister, dost thou love me!
I am dying, will that move thee!
From the hands of thee, my brother,
Must I meet now this dreadful doom!
Hopeless misery all surrounding,
E'en while the marriage bell is sounding:
Fear and hate will be my dower;
Better had I wed the tomb!

ed of *Edgar's* falseness, she half consents to the sacrifice, and retires
mony.

SCENE II—*The Great Hall of the Castle*

HENRY AND EDGAR:
Instant vengeance, what restraineth,
What thus stays my sword in scabbard?
EDGAR:
Yet, ungrateful one, I love thee still!
HENRY:
And remorse my breast doth fill!
LUCY (*despairingly*):
I had hop'd that death had found me,
And in his drear fetters bound me,
But he comes not to relieve me!
Ah! of life will none bereave me?
RAYMOND AND ALICE:
Ah! like a rose that withers on the stem,
She now is hovering 'twixt death and life!
ARTHUR:
Hence, thou traitor, hence betake thee,
Ere our rage shall o'erwhelm thee!

One by one the characters in the scene take up their portions of the sextette until the great climax, one of the most dramatic moments in opera, is reached.

*Henry* and *Edgar*, who have drawn their swords, are separated by *Raymond*, who commands them in Heaven's name to sheath their weapons. *Henry* asks *Edgar* why he has come, and exhibits the signed contract, but *Edgar* refuses to believe the evidence of his eyes and asks *Lucy* if she had signed it. With her eyes fixed on him she tremblingly nods her head in assent. *Edgar*, in a furious rage, tears the contract in pieces, flings it at the fainting maiden, and rushes from the castle as the curtain falls.

## ACT III

### SCENE I—*The Tower of Ravenswood Castle*

*Edgar* is brooding on his misfortunes when a horseman rides up, dismounts and enters the tower. It proves to be *Sir Henry*, who has come to challenge *Edgar* to a duel to the death. They agree to fight the following morning, and in this duet ask the night to hasten away, that their vengeance may be consummated.

## O sole più rapido (Haste, Crimson Morning)

**By Giuseppe Acerbi and Renzo Minolfi** (*In Italian*) ***62644 10-inch, $0.75**

### SCENE II—*Hall in Lammermoor Castle*

The peasants and domestics of the castle are making merry at their feast in honor of the marriage when *Raymond* enters, greatly agitated, bearing the fearful news that *Lucy* has become insane and has killed her husband.

RAYMOND ANNOUNCING THE TRAGEDY—ACT III

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 261.*

## avvenimento (Oh! Dire Misfortune)

**Sillich, Bass, and Chorus** *(Double-Faced—see page 261)*
*(In Italian)* ***62644 10-inch, $0.75**

have scarcely been spoken when *Lucy* enters, pale and lovely, and all ified servants, begins her famous so-called *Mad Scene*.

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| Flute Obbligato) | | | | |
| zzini, Soprano | *(In Italian)* | 88299 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| mbrich, Soprano | *(In Italian)* | 88021 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| a, Soprano | *(In Italian)* | 88071 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| any, Soprano | *(In Italian)* | 88221 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| reto, Soprano | *(In Italian)* | 76006 | 12-inch, | 2.00 |
| *(Double-Faced—see page 261)* | *(In Italian)* | 55047 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| a, Soprano *(Double-Faced—see page 261)* | *(In English)* | 35214 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| ailowa, Soprano | *(In Russian)* | 61129 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

riage, the demented maiden speaks one moment of the happy day *r's* wife, and next is terrified by a vague feeling that something has

er must be judged solely as a brilliant piece of vocalism; it can hardly ally, because when the prima donna loses her reason in this style of hat the scales become more rapid and the roulades more difficult! in her agony seems inclined and able to sing the most difficult and e, and venture without hesitation on passages at which a sane person short, Donizetti forgot his dramatic mission temporarily in his efforts of musical execution.

of his tender voice,
unds in my heart forever.
we parted?
ice;
e all forsaken!

See yon phantom rise to part us!
*(Her mood again changes.)*
Yet shall we meet, dear Edgar, before the altar.
Hark to those strains celestial!
Ah! 'Tis the hymn for our nuptials!
For us they are singing!

SCENE II—*The Tombs of the Ravenswoods*

*Edgar*, weary of life, has come to the rendezvous arranged with *Henry*, intending to throw himself on his enemy's sword, the last of a doomed race. But he waits in vain, for *Henry*, filled with remorse at the consequences of his schemes, has left England, never to return.

*Edgar* sings the first of the two beautiful airs written by Donizetti for this scene.

## Fra poco a me ricovero (Farewell to Earth)

By John McCormack, Tenor (*In Italian*) 74223 12-inch $1.50

His attention is now attracted by a train of mourners coming from the castle, accompanied by *Raymond*, who reveals to the unhappy man that *Lucy* is dying, and even while they converse the castle bell is heard tolling, a signal that the unhappy maiden is no more.

The grief-stricken lover then depicts his emotion in the second air, a lovely number with sadness in every tone.

## Tu che a Dio spiegasti l'ali (Thou Hast Spread Thy Wings to Heaven) (O bell' alma innamorata)

By John McCormack, Tenor (*In Italian*) 74224 12-inch, $1.50
By Florencio Constantino, Tenor (*In Italian*) 74066 12-inch, 1.50
By Gino Martinez-Patti (*Double-Faced—see below*) (*Italian*) 62089 10-inch, .75

The dramatic interest deepens as the air proceeds, until the finale, when *Edgar*, in an excess of penitence, prays that not even the spirit of the wronged *Lucy* may approach so accursed a tomb as that of Ravenswood.

EDGAR:
Tho' from earth thou'st flown before me,
My ador'd, my only treasure;
Tho' from these fond arms they tore thee,
Soon, soon, I'll follow thee,
I'll follow thee above.
Tho' the world frown'd on our union,
Tho' in this life they did part us,
Yet on high, in fond communion,
Shall our hearts be turned to love!

Breaking from *Raymond*, who endeavors to prevent the fatal act, *Edgar* stabs himself, and supported in the good man's arms, he repeats in broken phrases the lovely *O bell' alma innamorata*, and lifting his hands to Heaven, as if to greet the spirit of *Lucy*, he expires.

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### DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS LUCIA RECORDS

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| Mad Scene By Olive Kline, Soprano (*In Italian*)<br>*Dinorah—Shadow Song By Olive Kline, Soprano (In Italian)* | 55047 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| Mad Scene By Edith Helena, Soprano (*In English*)<br>*Trovatore—Peaceful Was the Night By Edith Helena (In English)* | 35214 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Sextette (Transcription) *Pianoforte* By Himmelreich<br>*Caprice Español (Moszkowski) Pianoforte By Charles G. Spross* | 35223 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Sextette Vessella's Italian Band<br>*Jewels of the Madonna—Intermezzo Vessella's Band* | 35356 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Regnava nel silenzio Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (*Italian*)<br>*Norma—Casta Diva By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (In Italian)* | 16539 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Il pallor funesto (If My Cheek is Pale)<br>By Linda Brambilla and Francesco Cigada (*In Italian*)<br>Sulla tomba che rinserra (By My Father's Tomb)<br>By Emma Trentini and Martinez-Patti (*In Italian*) | 16574 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Se tradirmi tu potrai (I'm Thy Guardian)<br>By Giuseppina Huguet, and Francesco Cigada, (*In Italian*)<br>Tu che a Dio spiegasti l'ali (Thou Hast Spread Thy Wings)<br>(O bell' alma innamorata) By Martinez-Patti (*In Italian*) | 62089 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| O qual funesto avvenimento Sillich and Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>O sole più rapido By Acerbi and Minolfi (*In Italian*) | 62644 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Opening Chorus By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>Verranno a te sull' aura (Borne on Sighing Breeze)<br>By Trentini and Martinez-Patti (*In Italian*) | 62106 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Quando rapita in estasi (Swift as Thought)<br>By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (*In Italian*)<br>*Lucrezia Borgia—Rischiarata è la finestra—La Scala Cho (Italian)* | 63172 | 10-inch, | .75 |

## THE PLOT

The plot of Donizetti's opera cannot be called a cheerful one—it is, in fact, crowded with horrors. However, it was a great favorite with American audiences for many years, being one of the stock operas of Emma Abott during nearly her whole career. The opera was revived in 1904 for Caruso, but failed to score, and it is quite likely that those who admire its few fine airs must depend on their Victors if they wish to hear them.

DE MOSCHI AS LUCREZIA

*Lucrezia,* the heroine, was a conspicuous member of the notorious patrician family—the *Borgias*—celebrated for their diabolical success as poisoners.

*Lucrezia Borgia* married as her second husband *Don Alfonso, Duke of Ferrara.* By her former marriage she had a son named *Gennaro,* of whose existence the *Duke* is ignorant. This son had, at birth, been placed in the care of a fisherman who brought him up as his own child.

### ACT I

At the opening of the story *Lucrezia,* who in spite of her criminal practices has still the mother's yearning towards her own child, goes in disguise to Venice to visit him.

She finds her son in the company of some gay Venetian gallants. She watches them, and presently *Gennaro,* wearied by the mirth of his companions, draws apart and falls asleep on a seat. *Lucrezia* draws near, and gazing on his youthful beauty, she forgets everything except that she is his mother. She gently presses a kiss on his brow and prepares to depart, when he awakes and asks her who she is. She evades the question, and leads him to talk about his mother, whom he says he has never seen. Feeling drawn toward the beautiful stranger, he tells his story, in the fine *Di pescatore.*

## Di pescatore ignobile (In a Fisher's Lowly Cot)

**By Francesco Marconi, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **76004 12-inch, $2.00**

She bids him farewell, and is about to take her leave when *Orsini* appears, recognizes her, and after brutally reciting her crimes one by one, tells the horror-stricken *Gennaro* that it is the *Borgia.* All turn from her in horror, and *Lucrezia* falls fainting.

### ACT II

*Gennaro* afterwards shows his hatred and contempt for the *Borgias* by tearing down *Lucrezia's* coat of arms from her palace gates, and is imprisoned by the *Duke's* orders. *Lucrezia,* ignorant of the identity of the individual who has insulted her, complains to the *Duke,* who promises that the perpetrator shall be immediately punished. He gives vent to his feelings in his air, *Vieni la mia vendetta.*

## Vieni, la mia vendetta (Haste Thee, for Vengeance)

**By Giulio Rossi, Bass** (*In Italian*) ***63404 10-inch, $0.75**

*Gennaro* is sent for and *Lucrezia* at once recognizes him. Full of horror, she turns to the *Duke* and begs him to overlook the offense. The *Duke* is relentless and compels *Lucrezia* herself to hand a poisoned cup to her son. She obeys, but afterward contrives to give the youth an antidote. He suspects her of treachery, but she pleads so tearfully with him that he trusts her and drinks the remedy.

### ACT III

This act opens with a chorus of bravos, who have been set to watch the dwelling of *Gennaro.*

## Rischiarata è la finestra (Yonder Light is the Guiding Beacon)

**By La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***63172 10-inch, $0.75**

*Gennaro,* whose life has been saved by the antidote *Lucrezia* had given him, instead of escaping from the city as she had advised him, accompanies *Orsini* to a banquet which has been secretly arranged by *Lucrezia,* and to which have been invited the young men who had recognized and denounced her in Venice.

In this scene occurs the famous *Brindisi,* or drinking song.

**Double-Faced Record—See page 264.*

## :tter to Laugh)

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| humann-Heink, Contralto | (*In German*) | 88188 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| au, Contralto | (*In Italian*) | 64468 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

vell known one, and has been frequently sung, but Mme. Schumann-
ıt spirit into it, and sings it with such wealth of gayety, such astonish-
ity, that the rendition amazes the listener. It is certain that no music-
neration has ever heard it sung so brilliantly. The high notes are
soprano, and altogether this familiar drinking song has never been

*Orsini* was always one of Mme. Schumann-Heink's favorites, and she
ı the gay Roman youth. This gay and fascinating air is also brilliantly
ıe high notes being taken with ease, beauty of tone and fine execution.
suited to the gayety of the music, and have been translated as follows:

**Brindisi**

ı be sighing.
fe's moments are flying;
ver is bringing,
ore for us springing.
aves in the sunshine,
e lost to the sight,
ray

lliant and light.

In the world we some beings discover,
Far too frigid for friend or for lover;
Souls unblest, and forever repining,
Tho' good fortune around them be shining.
It were well, if such hearts we could banish
To some planet far distant from ours;
They're the dark spots we trace,
On this earth's favored space;
They are weeds that choke up the fair flow'rs!

Then 'tis better to laugh than be sighing;
They are wise who resolve to be gay;
When we think how life's moments are flying,
Enjoy Pleasure's gifts while we may!

feast the door opens, the *Borgia* appears and tells them that they
e has been poisoned by her.

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THE MARRIAGE SCENE—ACT I

(Italian)

# MADAMA BUTTERFLY

*(Mah-dah'-mah)*

(English)

# MADAME BUTTERFLY

## OPERA IN TWO ACTS

A Japanese lyric tragedy, founded on the book of John Luther Long and the drama by David Belasco, with Italian libretto by Illica and Giacosa. Music by Giacomo Puccini. First produced at La Scala, Milan, in 1904, it proved a failure. Revived the following year in slightly changed form with much success. First American presentation (in English) occurred in October, 1906, in Washington, D. C., by Savage Opera Company. Produced in English at the New Orleans Opera, January 9, 1907, and in French January 6, 1912. First representation in Italian at Metropolitan Opera House, February 11, 1907, with Farrar, Caruso, Homer and Scotti.

### Characters

MADAME BUTTERFLY (Cho-Cho-San) ..... Soprano
SUZUKI, (*Soo-zu'-key*) Cho-Cho-San's servant ..... Mezzo-Soprano
B. F. PINKERTON, Lieutenant in the United States Navy ..... Tenor
KATE PINKERTON, his American wife ..... Mezzo-Soprano
SHARPLESS, United States Consul at Nagasaki ..... Baritone
GORO, a marriage broker ..... Tenor
PRINCE YAMADORI, suitor for Cho-Cho-San ..... Baritone
THE BONZE, Cho-Cho-San's uncle ..... Bass
CHO-CHO-SAN'S MOTHER ..... Mezzo-Soprano
THE AUNT ..... Mezzo-Soprano
THE COUSIN ..... Soprano
TROUBLE, Cho-Cho-San's child

Cho-Cho-San's relations and friends—Servants.

*At Nagasaki, Japan—Time, the present.*

FARRAR

–Act II, Scene II

### The Story

Puccini's opera, which from the first aroused the keenest interest among opera-goers, has become an enduring success. The original Metropolitan production in Italian was under the personal direction of Puccini himself, who refined and beautified it according to his own ideas into one of the most finished operatic productions ever seen here.

The story of the drama is familiar to all through John Luther Long's narrative and the Belasco dramatic version. The tale is the old one of the passing fancy of a man for a woman, and her faithfulness even unto death, which comes by her own hand when she finds herself abandoned.

Puccini has completely identified his music with the sentiments and sorrows of the characters in John Luther Long's drama, and has accompanied the pictorial beauty of the various scenes with a setting of incomparable loveliness. Rarely has picturesque action been more completely wedded to beautiful music.

### ACT I

*SCENE—Exterior of Pinkerton's house at Nagasaki*

At the rise of the curtain *Goro*, the marriage broker who has secured *Pinkerton* his bride, is showing the Lieutenant over the house he has chosen for his honeymoon. *Sharpless*, the American Consul and friend of *Pinkerton*, now arrives, having been bidden to the marriage.

Then occurs the fine duet, which Caruso and Scotti have sung here in splendid style.

## Amore o grillo (Love or Fancy?)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor, and Antonio Scotti, Baritone**

*(In Italian)* **89043 12-inch, $4.00**

MARTIN AS PINKERTON

*Pinkerton*, joyous in the prospect of his marriage with the dainty Japanese girl, and quite careless of the consequences which may result from such a union, describes his bride to the Consul, who gives the young lieutenant some good advice, bidding him be careful, that he may not break the trusting heart of the *Butterfly* who loves him too well.

The number closes with a splendid climax, as *Pinkerton* recklessly pledges the "real American wife" whom he hopes to meet some day; while the Consul gazes at his young friend with some sadness, as if already in the shadow of the tragedy which is to come.

Now is heard in the distance the voice of *Butterfly*, who is coming up the hill with her girl friends; and she sings a lovely song, full of the freshness of youth and the dawning of love.

## Entrance of Cio-Cio San

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano**
*(In Italian)* **87004 10-inch, $2.00**

**By Frances Alda, Soprano**
*(In Italian)* **64334 10-inch, 1.00**

**By Edith Helena, Soprano**
*(In English)* ***17346 10-inch, .75**

The friends and family having been duly introduced to *Pinkerton*, they go to the refreshment table, while *Butterfly* timidly confides to *Pinkerton*, in this touching number, that she has for his sake renounced her religion, and will in future bow before the God of her husband.

## Ieri son salita (Hear Me)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano** *(In Italian)* **87031 10-inch, $2.00**

The contract is signed and the guests are dispersing when *Butterfly's* uncle rushes in and denounces her, having discovered that she has been to the Mission, renounced her religion, and adopted that of her husband.

**Double-Faced Record—See page 271.*

family, who flee from the scene in horror. *Butterfly* at first weeps, but
enant, who tells her he cares nothing for her family, but loves her alone.
comparably beautiful duet which closes the first act, and which is
finest of the melodious numbers which Puccini has composed for
ct of this exquisite music, given on a darkened stage amid the
holly beautiful.

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BUTTERFLY'S UNCLE DENOUNCING HER—ACT I

d in the Blue
ne and Mr. Althouse, is also presented to lovers of this opera.

## ACT II

*f Butterfly's Home—at the back a Garden with Cherries in Bloom*

PHOTO WHITE BUTTERFLY AND "TROUBLE"

## Sai cos' ebbe cuore (Do You Know, My Sweet One)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano**
**(*In Italian*) 87055 10-in., $2.00**
**By Emmy Destinn, Soprano**
**(*In Italian*) 91084 10-in., 2.00**

In this pitiful air she asks little "*Trouble*" not to listen to the bad man (*Sharpless*), who is saying that *Pinkerton* has deserted them.

Shocked at the sight of the child, which he knew nothing about, *Sharpless* gives up in despair the idea of further undeceiving her, knowing that she will soon learn the truth, and leaves *Butterfly*, who refuses to doubt *Pinkerton*, in an exalted state of rapture over the idea of her husband's return.

Throughout the duet may be heard the mournfully sweet "waiting motive" played softly by the horns, and accompanied by strings *pizzicati*. This is beautifully given here, and the record is a most impressive one.

The sound of a cannon is heard, and with aid of a glass the two women see *Pinkerton's* ship, the *Abraham Lincoln*, entering the harbor.

## Duet of the Flowers

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Louise Homer, Contralto**
**(*In Italian*) 89008 12-in., $4.00**

Greatly excited, *Butterfly* bids the maid strew the room with flowers, and they scatter the cherry blossoms everywhere, singing all the while weird harmonies which are hauntingly beautiful.

Miss Farrar's impressive *Cio-Cio-San*, childish and piquant in its lighter aspects and pitifully tragic in its final scenes, and Mme. Homer's *Suzuki*, the patient handmaiden, who loves and protects her mistress through all the weary years of waiting, are two most powerful impersonations. Of the music written for these two rôles, this exquisite duet is especially attractive.

Night is falling, and not expecting *Pinkerton* until morning, *Butterfly*, *Suzuki* and the child take their places at the window to watch for his coming. As the vigil begins, in the orchestra can be heard the "Waiting Motive," with its accompaniment by distant voices of the sailors in the harbor, producing an effect which is indescribably beautiful.

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FARRAR AND HOMER IN ACT II

*SCENE II—Same as the Preceding*

The curtain rises on the same scene. It is daybreak. *Suzuki*, exhausted, is sleeping, but *Butterfly* still watches the path leading up the hill. *Suzuki* awakes and insists on *Butterfly* taking some rest, promising to call her when the Lieutenant arrives.

*Sharpless* and *Pinkerton* now enter, and question *Suzuki*, the Lieutenant being deeply touched to find that *Butterfly* has been faithful to him, and that a child has been born.

*Suzuki*, seeing a lady in the garden, demands to know who she is, and *Sharpless* tells her it is the wife of *Pinkerton*, he having married in America.

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DESTINN AS BUTTERFLY

' Puccini's librettist of this char-
criticised, many considering it of
ng a jarring note in the opera. So
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: cast.
s horrified, and dreads the effect
tress. Weeping bitterly, she goes
while the friends are left to bitter
Puccini in a powerful duet.

## l I Not Tell You?)

**ɔ and Antonio Scotti**
*'talian)* **89047 12-inch, $4.00**

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ul reminds him of the warning he
-to beware lest the tender heart of

ce of *Suzuki* occurs the trio for
*'uzuki.*

## e pene (Naught Can

**ia and Scotti**
*'talian)* **87503 10-inch, $3.00**

:ally given by Martin, Fornia and
great successes in the several rôles
*Sharpless.*

## ıtterfly's Death Scene)

**rar. Soprano** *(In Italian)* **87030 10-inch, $2.00**

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS MADAME BUTTERFLY RECORDS

**Madame Butterfly Selection** **By Victor Orchestra** **31631** **12-inch, $1.00**
Introduction—Pinkerton's Song, Act I—Duet, Finale of Act I—Duet, Butterfly and Suzuki, from Act II—Finale of Act II.

This selection begins with the entrance music of *Pinkerton*, accompanied by the American theme for which Puccini has utilized the "Star Spangled Banner."

Then in succession are heard the gay air of the thoughtless Lieutenant (as a cornet solo) in which he describes the characteristics of his countrymen; the principal strain of the love duet with which the act closes; the exquisitely poetical "Duet of the Flowers," part of which is given on the orchestra bells; and the beginning of the supremely beautiful scene where *Butterfly*, her maid and little son, take their places at the window to watch until morning for the husband's coming, while in the distance can be heard the faint voices of singers in the night, producing a mournful and indescribable effect.

Then from the last scene we hear the return of *Pinkerton* announced just as *Butterfly* has taken her life; the American *motif* strangely contrasting with the tragic music of the death scene; and a few measures of the final curtain music, with its ancient Japanese melody.

**Madame Butterfly Fantasie—By Victor Herbert's Orch** **70055** **12-inch, $1.25**
Opening of the Opera—"Waiting Music," Act II—Duet, Act I—"Entrance of Butterfly"—"Love Duet"— Finale, Act I.

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| **Madame Butterfly Selection, No. 1** | **By Pryor's Band** | **35148** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| *Bartered Bride Overture* | *By Pryor's Band* | | | |
| **Madame Butterfly Selection, No. 2** | **By Pryor's Band** | **35331** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| *Tannhauser Selection* | *By Pryor's Band* | | | |
| **Sur la mer calmée (Some Day He'll Come)** | **By Mlle. Heilbronner, Soprano** *(In French)* | **35409** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| *Daughter of the Regiment—Salut à la France)* | *By Mlle. Heilbronner, Soprano (In French)* | | | |
| **Madame Butterfly Selection** | **By Pryor's Band** | **31697** | **12-inch,** | **1.00** |
| **Madame Butterfly Fantasie** | **By Victor Sorlin** *'Cello* | **31696** | **12-inch,** | **1.00** |
| **What a Sky, What a Sea (Entrance of Butterfly, Act I)** | **By Edith Helena, Soprano** *(In English)* | **17346** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |
| **Beloved Idol (Butterfly's Death Scene, Act II)** | **By Edith Helena, Soprano** *(In English)* | | | |

BUTTERFLY AND SUZUKI IN THE GARDEN

THE GREAT INVOCATION SCENE

nch) (English)

ENCHANTÉE THE MAGIC FLUTE

*Ahn-shan-tay'*)

man) (Italian)

BERFLÖTE IL FLAUTO MAGICO

"A fantastic fable was the groundwork; supernatural apparitions and a good dose of comic element were to serve as garnish. But what did Mozart build on this preposterous foundation? What godlike magic breathes throughout this work, from the most popular ballad to the noblest hymn! What many-sidedness, what marvelous variety! The quintessence of every noblest bloom of art seems here to blend in one unequaled flower."—*Richard Wagner.*

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PAPAGENA AND PAPAGENO

Strictly speaking, the Magic Flute is not an opera, but rather a fairy extravaganza accompanied by some of the most delightful music imaginable. To fully appreciate Mozart's work it should be heard in some German town on a Sunday evening, where middle-class families and sweethearts find much enjoyment in the mixture of mystery, sentiment, comedy and delightful music which make up the opera. The libretto is, of course, utterly absurd, describing as it does the magic of the pipes of *Tamino* which had the power to control men, animals, birds, reptiles and even the elements, and as the flute is continually playing throughout the work, the results may be imagined.

THE THREE LADIES OF THE QUEEN

## Overture

**By La Scala Orchestra *68207 12-inch, $1.25**

The overture is not only one of the greatest of its kind, but one of the most generally appreciated. Its wonderful fugue, "in which Mozart sports with fugal counterpoint as though it were mere child's play," is played by the orchestra in a striking manner. This fugue is announced first by the clarinets and a few bars later the cornets take up the theme, followed by every instrument in the marvelous finale.

### ACT I

The scene shows a rocky landscape with the Temple of the *Queen of the Night* visible in the background. *Tamino,* an Egyptian prince who is traveling with his friends, becomes separated from them, is pursued by a huge serpent, and finally faints from fright and fatigue. Three veiled ladies, attendants on the *Queen,* come from the Temple to his rescue and stab the snake with their javelins. While they go to tell the *Queen* of the occurrence, *Tamino* revives, sees the dead serpent and hides as he hears a flute.

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PAPAGENO

## Ein Vogelfänger bin ich ja (A Bird Catcher Am I)

**By Otto Goritz** (*German*) **64163 10-inch, $1.00**

*Papageno,* a bird catcher, admirer of damsels, and all-around rogue, enters and sings a merry lay, piping at every pause. In his song the fowler describes his occupation of snaring birds, but says he would like catching women better!

**Double-Faced Record—See page 277.*

›mes, in spite of rain,
song in merry strain;
›wler, too, is known
| old, from zone to zone.
› whistle every sound
:y sing the whole year round.
be more blithe than I,
:eet warblers of the sky.
›mes, in spite of rain,
song in merry strain;
›wler, too, is known
| old, from zone to zone.
idens I should like
the pretty dears by dozens,
safely up at home,
them forth to roam.

*ıgeno* Mr. Goritz has few rivals, and his
: of the great features of the recent
itan.

› forward and gives *Papageno* credit for
ent, an honor which he promptly ac-
es now return, rebuke *Papageno* and
aph of the *Queen of Night's* daughter,
o has been taken from her mother by
*Isis,* to save her from evil influences.
h the picture and offers to rescue the
n all-powerful magic flute, and accom-
s out for *Sarastro's* palace.

› to a room in the palace of the High
is discovered in charge of *Monostatos,*

TAMINO AND PAMINA

›ing his trust by persecuting *Pamina* with his attentions, when *Papageno*

PHOTO WHITE THE HIGH PRIEST BLESSING THE LOVERS

who agrees to unite the lovers if they will remain and be purified by the sacred rites; and as the priest separates them and covers their heads with veils, the curtain falls.

### ACT II

The first scene shows a noble forest and the *Temple of Wisdom.* The priests assemble, and *Sarastro* orders the lovers brought before him. He then sings this superb Invocation, one of the most impressive numbers in the opera.

## Invocation (Great Isis)

**By Pol Plançon, Bass**
(*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*)
**85042 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Marcel Journet, Bass**
(*French*) **64235 10-inch, 1.00**

**By Metropolitan Opera Chorus** (*In German*)
***45051 10-inch, 1.00**

In the Invocation, *Sarastro* calls on the gods Isis and Osiris to give *Tamino* and *Papageno* strength to bear the trial now at hand.

Great Isis, great Osiris!
Strengthen with wisdom's strength this tyro pair;
Ye who guide steps where deserts lengthen,
Brace theirs with nerve, your proof to bear!
Grant them probation's fruit all living;
Yet, should they find a grave while striving,
Think on their virtues, gracious gods,
Take them elect to your abodes!

In the noble rôle of *Sarastro* Plançon is especially effective, and his dignified impersonation of the benignant High Priest, who smooths out all the fantastic tangles in the situations which occur in Mozart's opera, is always singularly impressive.

The lovers are admitted to the Temple and begin their probation.

In the next scene *Pamina* is discovered asleep in a bower of roses. The *Queen* suddenly rises from the earth and gives *Pamina* a dagger, telling her to kill *Sarastro* or *Tamino* can never be hers. *Pamina* hesitates, and her mother, in a terrifying and dramatic song, threatens vengeance on all concerned.

## Aria della Regina (The Queen's Air)

**By Bessie Abott, Soprano**
(*In Italian*) **88051 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Maria Galvany, Soprano**
(*In Italian*) **87059 10-inch, 2.00**

The Queen of Night, *Astriflammante,* is one of the most striking characters in Mozart's opera, and the few numbers allotted to her are difficult and florid ones. This great aria

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* *Double-Faced Record—See page 277.*

is one which the most experienced of sopranos always approaches with misgiving, because of its excessive demands on the vocal powers. Miss Abott and Mme. Galvany completely meet these demands, both singing the air gracefully and with superb execution.

ASTRIFLAMMANTE:
The pangs of hell are raging in my bosom,
Death and destruction wildly flame around!
Go forth and bear my vengeance to Sarastro,
Or as my daughter thou shalt be disown'd!
I cast thee off forever,
I spurn thee and renounce thee,
If thou dar'st to brave my wrath;
Through thee Sarastro is to perish!
Hear, gods of vengeance!
Hear a mother's vow! (*She disappears.*)

*Sarastro* enters and soothes *Pamina,* saying that he will take a righteous revenge on the *Queen* by obtaining the happiness of her daughter. He then sings the noble Cavatina, considered one of the greatest of bass arias.

## Qui sdegno non s'accende (Within These Sacred Walls)

**By Pol Plançon, Bass** (*Piano acc.*)
(*In Italian*) **85077 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Marcel Journet, Bass**
(*In French*) **74266 12-inch, 1.50**

In this number Plançon is at his best, and the noble he broad, sonorous style which the music requires, while a splendid French is also offered.

has given her, but is prevented by the three boys, or *genii* (under instructions from *Sarastro*), who assure her that *Tamino* is still true and promise to conduct her to him.

FRESCO IN THE VIENNA OPERA

TAMINO AND PAMINA

## Du also bist mein Braütigam? (Thou Art My Bridegroom!)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Mmes. Sparks, Case and Mattfeld**

(*In German*) **88441 12-inch, $3.00**

Mme. Gadski gives the strains of *Pamina* in her usual finished style, while the music of the three "boys" is sung by Mmes. Sparks, Case and Mattfeld, with voices of clear, youthful timbre which exhibit well the grace and brightness of Mozart's music.

PAMINA:
Oh dagger! thou are my bridegroom!
By thee alone I'll end my care.

THE BOYS:
Oh woe! what said Pamina there?
And see, she is to madness near.

PAMINA:
I wish to die, since the man,
Whom I ne'er can hate,
This faithful heart will thus desert.
(*Tries to stab herself.*)

THE BOYS:
Hold, unhappy one! and hear!
Could Tamino see thee thus,
He with sorrow would expire,
For he fondly loveth thee.

PAMINA (*recovers herself*):
What! did he feel responding love,
And yet concealed his feelings?

THE BOYS:
This, alas, we must not tell,
But we will show him now to thee;
And with wonder thou wilt see,
That his heart is thine alone!

PAMINA:
Lead me forth! I wish to see him!

ALL:
Come, we him forthwith will seek.
Two hearts that truly love,
Can human weakness never part.

*Papageno* finally becomes discouraged and tries to hang himself, but the three *genii* enter and suggest that he try the magic bells. This proves effective and *Papagena* makes her appearance. They then sing their joyous and amusing duet.

## Papagena, Papageno!

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano, and Otto Goritz, Baritone**

(*In German*) **87510 10-inch, $3.00**

PAPAGENO:
Pa-Pa-Papagena!

PAPAGENA:
Pa-Pa-Papageno!

PAPAGENO:
Art thou, then, quite given to me?

PAPAGENA:
Yes, I am quite given to thee.

PAPAGENO:
Well, then, be my dear little wife.

PAPAGENA:
Well, then, my husband, my life.

BOTH:
What a joy shall we not feel,
When the gods their gifts reveal!
Little boys and girls galore,
All we want and many more.

PAPAGENO:
First a little Papageno!

PAPAGENA:
Then a little Papagena!

BOTH:
What can with such joys compare,
When many, many, many, many.
Papa-pa-pagenos,
Papa-pa-pagenas,
The blessings of glad parents are?

The trials being finally completed, the lovers are united in the sacred Temple. The *Queen* and her accomplices attempt to prevent the ceremony, but the scene suddenly changes to the Temple of the Sun, where *Sarastro* is seen on his throne with *Tamino* and *Pamina* beside him, while the baffled *Queen* and her train sink into the earth.

## DOUBLE-FACED MAGIC FLUTE RECORDS

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| **Magic Flute Overture** | **La Scala Orchestra** | **68207** | **12-inch, $1.25** |
| *Meistersinger Prelude* | *La Scala Orchestra* | | |
| **O Isis und Isiris (Great Isis)** | **By Metropolitan Opera Chorus (*In German*)** | **45051** | **10-inch, 1.00** |
| ***Huguenots—Coro di Soldati (Soldiers' Chorus)*** | ***By Metropolitan Opera Chorus (In Italian)*** | | |

LABDE SETTING OF ACT 1

(French)

# MANON

(*Man-on'*)

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Words by Meilhac and Gille, after the novel of Abbé Prévost. Music by Jules Massenet. First production at the *Opéra-Comique*, Paris, January 19, 1884; at Brussels, March 15, 1884. First London production May 7, 1885; in English by the Carl Rosa Company, at Liverpool, January 17, 1885. In French at Covent Garden, May 19, 1891; in Italy at Milan, October 19, 1893. First American production at New York, December 23, 1885, at the Academy of Music, with Minnie Hauk, Giannini and Del Puente. First New Orleans production January 4, 1894. Some notable revivals were in 1895 with Sybil Sanderson and Jean de Reszke; in 1896, with Melba and de Reszke; in 1899 with Saville, Van Dyk, Dufriche and Plançon; in 1909, at the Metropolitan, with Caruso, Farrar, Scotti and Note; and in 1912, with Caruso, Farrar, Gilly and Reiss.

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### Cast

CHEVALIER DES GRIEUX (*Shev-al-yay' d'h Gree-ay'*) ..... Tenor
COUNT DES GRIEUX, his father ..... Bass
LESCAUT, (*Les-koh'*) Manon's cousin, one of the Royal Guard ..... Baritone
GUILLOT MORFONTEIN, a roué, Minister of France ..... Bass
DE BRÉTIGNY, (*Bray-tee-ynee'*) a nobleman ..... Baritone
MANON, a school girl ..... Soprano
People, Actresses and Students

*Time and place: 1721; Amiens, Paris, Havre.*

The story of *Manon* is, of course, taken by Massenet's librettists from the famous novel of the Abbé Prévost, but for operatic purposes several changes have been made, notably in the events of the fourth act, which takes place in France instead of America.

*Manon* is a country girl, gay, pretty and thoughtless, who meets a handsome young cavalier, *des Grieux*, while on her way to a convent to complete her education. He falls in

with him as far as her nature will allow, and when he tells her of the
f Paris, she needs little persuasion to induce her to elope with him
agrin of *Guillot,* whose carriage the lovers coolly appropriate.
in a cottage, however, the young girl encourages the attentions of a
*igny,* and when *des Grieux* is taken away forcibly by his father, she
nd leaves with her new lover.
s that *des Grieux,* despondent because of her faithlessness, has resolved
Her fickle affections turn again to him, and she visits him at the
. He at first repulses her, saying his love is dead, but is unable to
part together.
s in a gambling house, where *des Grieux* is endeavoring to win money
e luxury she demands. *Guillot,* in revenge for the trick played on
eir arrest, *des Grieux* for cheating and *Manon* as a dissolute woman.
urs on the road to Havre, where *des Grieux* and *Lescaut, Manon's*
*Manon* as she is being taken to the ship, en route to the prison colony
liers appear, but it is a dying *Manon* they escort, and the unfortunate
l asking forgiveness of *des Grieux,* dies in his arms.

## ACT I

SCENE I—*Courtyard of an Inn at Amiens*

s the crowd of villagers, including *Lescaut,* are waiting the coming
esently arrives and discharges *Manon.* The young girl regards the
uch interest, and soon espies *Lescaut,* her cousin, who was to meet
cort her to the convent school. He greets her and compliments her
rance. She blushes and then artlessly tells him of her impressions
n her country home. The scene from this point has been recorded

**ait a Moment)**

en, Soprano; Federico Federici, Tenor; G. Pini-Corsi,

DE BRETIGNY:
This time I swear the dog has by chance found a prize.
Never did sweeter look light up a woman's face!
Now then, Guillot, let the girl alone and come in. We are calling you.
GUILLOT:
Ay, ay, in a moment.
(*To Manon*):
My little one, give me a word.
DE BRETIGNY:
Guillot, let the girl alone.
GUILLOT (*softly to Manon*):
A postillion is coming directly; when you see him, understand that a carriage is at your service. Take it, and afterwards you shall know more.
LESCAUT (*who has just entered*):
What do you say?
GUILLOT (*confused*):
Oh, sir! nothing, sir!
LESCAUT (*boisterously*):
Oh, sir! Did you say—
GUILLOT (*returning to the pavilion*):
Nothing, sir, I said.

***Guillot*** **is frightened by the gruff soldier, to the amusement of the bystanders, who laugh at the baffled libertine until he flees in confusion.**

***Lescaut*** **now warns** ***Manon*** **to beware of the men she may meet.**

LESCAUT (*to Manon*):
He spoke to you, Manon.
MANON (*lightly*):
Well, can you say 'twas my fault?
LESCAUT:
That's true; and in my eyes you are so good that I won't trouble myself.
(*The two guardsmen enter.*)
FIRST GUARDSMAN (*to Lescaut*):
How now! Thou comest not!
SECOND GUARDSMAN:
Both cards and dice are waiting your pleasure below.
LESCAUT:
I come; but first to this young lady, with your leave, good sirs,
I must speak some words of counsel full of wisdom.
GUARDSMEN (*in mock resignation*):
To his wisdom we'll listen.

## Mi raccomando (Wait for Me)

**By Elisa Tromben, Soprano; Federico Federici, Tenor; Chorus**
**(*In Italian*) *55000 12-inch, $1.50**

**The young girl promises to be prudent and** ***Lescaut*** **leaves with the guardsmen.**

LESCAUT (*to Manon*):
Give good heed to what I say—
Duty calls me now away,
To consult these comrades here
Upon a point that's not quite clear.
Wait for me, Manon, just a moment, no more.
Make no mistake, but prudent be,
And if, forsooth, some silly man
Should whisper folly in your ear,
Behave as though you did not hear.
For safety's sake adopt that plan.
(*To the Guardsmen, aside*)
Now let us go and see on which of us the goddess of the game will look with loving eyes.
(*They go out.*)

CLEMENT AS DES GRIEUX

***Des Grieux*** **now enters, and seeing** ***Manon,*** **is much impressed with her beauty and modest bearing. He addresses her respectfully, beginning the lovely duet,** ***Et je sais votre nom.***

## Et je sais votre nom (If I Knew But Your Name)

**By Mlle. Korsoff, Soprano, and Léon Beyle, Tenor (*In French*) *16551 10-inch, $0.75**

**The young girl answers simply, but feels herself strangely drawn to the young student. The transition from strangers to lovers is a quick one, as will be seen by the translation.**

DES GRIEUX:
If I knew but your name—
MANON (*with simplicity*):
I am called Manon.
DES GRIEUX (*with emotion*):
Manon!
MANON (*aside*):
How tender are his looks,
How delightful his voice to my soul!
DES GRIEUX:
All my fond foolish words,
I pray you forgive!
MANON (*naively*):
How condemn your words when they charm my heart;
To my ears they are music!
Would to Heav'n such language were mine,
You fit answer to make.

***Double-Faced Record—See page 286.**

*port of joy*):
ll-conquering beauty,
rth thou art mistress of

istress of his heart!

aiden.

vicked,
by those at home,
too well;

r to a convent,
of Manon,

):
ve that fate can be so

d so fair can be destined
tomb.

MANON:
But 'tis, alas! the sovereign will of Heaven,
To whose service I'm devoted,
And no one from this fate can deliver me.
DES GRIEUX (*firmly*):
No, no! Not from you, Manon, shall hope and joy be torn.
MANON (*joyfully*):
Oh, Heaven!
DES GRIEUX:
For on my will and power you can safely depend.
MANON (*with energy*):
Ah! to you I owe far more, far more than life.
DES GRIEUX (*passionately*):
Ah! Manon, you shall never leave me now!
Since I would gladly roam thro' all the world,
Seeking for you, love, an unknown retreat,
And carry you there in my arms.
MANON:
To you, my life and my soul!
To you I give my life for evermore!
DES GRIEUX:
Light of my soul! Manon,
The mistress of my heart for evermore!

es the carriage of *Guillot*, which had been offered her, and suggests together. *Des Grieux* joyfully agrees and they sing their second duet.

## Paris (We Will Go to Paris)

**soff, Soprano, and Léon Beyle, Tenor**

(*In French*) ***45009 10-inch, $1.00**

:
Heart to heart!
may frown, never part!

Evermore bliss is ours,
And with love's sweetest flow'rs
Will we crown the bright hours!

oice from within the hotel, where he has been gambling, the lovers

MANON:
"She is called Manon, and is young and fair. In her all charms unite. She has grace, radiant youth and beauty; music flows in a stream from her lips; in her eyes shines the tender light of love."

DES GRIEUX (*ardently*):
In her eyes shines the tender light of love.

MANON:
Is this true? Ah, I knew it not.
(*Tenderly*)
But I know how much I am loved.

DES GRIEUX (*with passion*):
Thou art loved! Manon, I adore thee!

MANON:
Come, come, good sir, there's more to read yet.

DES GRIEUX:
"Like a bird that through all lands follows the spring, so her young soul to life is ever open. Her lips, like flowers, smile and speak to the zephyrs that kiss them in passing."

MANON (*repeating*):
"To the zephyrs that kiss them in passing."
(*Pensively*)
Do you think your father will give his consent?

DES GRIEUX:
Yes; he will never in such a matter as this oppose me.

MANON:
Dost thou desire it?

DES GRIEUX:
I desire it, with all my soul!

MANON:
Then embrace me, Chevalier. (*They embrace.*)
And now, go;—send thy letter.

*Des Grieux* starts to go, but seeing some beautiful flowers on the table asks who sent them. *Manon* replies evasively, and asks if he does not trust her and if he is jealous. He assures her of his perfect confidence.

A noise is heard outside, and *Lescaut*, accompanied by *de Brétigny*, a French nobleman, enters, the former loudly demanding satisfaction from *des Grieux* for the abduction of his cousin. *Des Grieux* at first defies him, but remembering that he is a member of *Manon's* family, shows him the letter he had written to his father asking her hand in marriage. *Lescaut* engages him in conversation, thus giving *de Brétigny* an opportunity to speak to *Manon* aside. He tells her that *des Grieux* is to be carried off by his father that night, and urges her to fly with him. Tempted by the thoughts of wealth the young girl hesitates. *Lescaut* now loudly expresses satisfaction with the attitude of *des Grieux*, and departs with *de Brétigny*.

*Des Grieux* goes out to post the letter and *Manon* struggles with the temptation which has come to her; the pathetic air, *Adieu notre petite table*, indicating that she is yielding.

## Adieu notre petite table (Farewell, Our Little Table)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano** | (*In French*) | **88146** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Mme. Vallandri, Soprano, and Léon Beyle, Tenor** | (*In French*) | ***45008** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |

NOTE.—In record 45008 Mme. Vallandri sings a portion of the "Farewell" solo and this is followed by the short duet which precedes the "Dream."

She regards the little table at which they had served their simple meals.

MANON:
Farewell, our pretty little table! So small and yet so large for us. Side by side so often there we've sat. (*With a sad smile.*) I smile as now I call to mind what narrow space we lovers filled. A single glass served both of us, and each, in drinking, sought upon its margin where dear lips had been. Ah! best of friends, how thou hast loved!

Hearing *des Grieux* approaching, she hastily tries to conceal her tears. He observes them, however, and tries to soothe her by relating a dream he has had.

(*Italian*) (*English*) (*French*)

## Il sogno—The Dream—Le Rêve

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| **By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** | (*In Italian*) | **81031** | **10-inch,** | **$2.00** |
| **By Edmond Clement, Tenor,** | (*In French*) | **74258** | **12-inch,** | **1.50** |
| **By Fernando de Lucia, Tenor** (*Piano acc.*) | (*In Italian*) | **66001** | **10-inch,** | **1.50** |
| **By John McCormack, Tenor** | (*In Italian*) | **64312** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |
| **By Léon Beyle, Tenor** | (*In French*) | ***45008** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |

"Listen, Manon," he cries, "On my way I dreamed a lovely dream."

DES GRIEUX:
With fancy's eye I saw, Manon,
A sweet and lowly cot,
Its white walls, deck'd with flowers fair,
Gleam'd thro' the wood!
Beneath whose peaceful shadows
Ran clear the babbling brook;
Overhead, 'mid verdant leaves
Sang so sweet and full the joyous birds,
'Tis paradise! Ah, no,
All is sad, so sad and dreary,
For, O my only love, thou art not there.

MANON (*softly*):
'Tis a vision, 'tis but a fancy!

DES GRIEUX:
No! for thus we'll pass our life,
If but thou wilt, O Manon!

**Double-Faced Record—See page 286.*

TEROOM OF ST. SULPICE—METROPOLITAN OPERA SETTING

and *Manon* exclaims, aside, "Oh, Heaven, already they have come o prevent him from opening the door, but he insists, and is seized e *Manon,* suddenly repenting, is overcome with grief.

## ACT III

SCENE—*A Street in Paris on a Fête Day*

SCENE II—*Reception Room at St. Sulpice*

At the beginning of this scene the Count pleads with his son not to retire from the world, but *des Grieux* says he is resolved, and his father takes a sorrowful leave. Left alone, *des Grieux* sings his lovely song of renunciation, declaring he will now seek the peace of mind which only faith in Heaven can give.

(*French*) (*Italian*) (*English*).

## Ah! fuyez, douce image!—Dispar, vision!—Depart, Fair Vision!

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In French*) | 88348 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Gino Giovannelli, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | *55001 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| By M. Rocca, Tenor | (*In French*) | *16575 | 10-inch, | .75 |

He goes slowly out and *Manon* enters, shuddering at the gloomy walls and wondering if her lover has quite forgotten her. *Des Grieux* soon returns and is astounded to see *Manon*, bidding her begone, saying his love is dead. She cannot believe it, and cries: "These eyes that oft thou hast kissed with ardor, do they shine no more? Am I not Manon?"

*Des Grieux* is deeply moved, but asks Heaven for strength to resist her. Her pleadings finally have their effect, and he cries: "Ah! Manon! No longer will I struggle against myself!" and they depart together.

## ACT IV

SCENE—*A Gambling Room in Paris*

*Des Grieux* has been persuaded by *Manon* to come to this place in the hope of winning money to satisfy her desire for luxury. He plays for high stakes and wins large sums from *Guillot*, who leaves in a rage. As *des Grieux* is showing *Manon* the gold he has won, a loud knocking is heard and the police enter with *Guillot*, who denounces *des Grieux* as a swindler and *Manon* as his accomplice. They are arrested and taken to prison, but *des Grieux* is afterward released through his father's influence, while *Manon* is ordered to be deported to America by way of Havre.

## Concertato finale—O dolor

By Aristodemo Giorgini, A. Santoro, S. Nicolicchia and Chorus

(*In Italian*) 87083 10-inch, $2.00

THE GAMBLING SCENE—ACT IV

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 286.*

IE HAVRE ROAD—ACT V

## ACT V

SCENE—*On the Road to Havre*

*Des Grieux* and *Lescaut* are on the Havre road, waiting for the soldiers who are escorting the prisoners to the ship bound for America, *des Grieux* having conceived the mad idea of rescuing *Manon.* Beginning the duet he sings his sad and remorseful air, *Manon in Chains!*

**Manon, la catena (Manon in Chains!)**

**By Remo Andreini, Tenor; Riccardo Tegani, Baritone; and Chorus** (*Double-Faced, see list below*) (*In Italian*)

**55001 12-inch, $1.50**

*red seated by the wayside*):
ı! Must I see thee herded with these wretched beings and be power-
Heaven! Merciless Heaven! Must I then despair! (*He sees Lescaut*
e comes! (*Advancing impetuously to Lescaut.*) Thy fellows now
soldiers will soon reach this place. Thy men are fully armed; they
n and give her back to me! What! can it not be done? Are all my
Oh! why dost thou keep silence?

soldiers are now heard in the distance singing as they ride. *Des* attentively, and the former, realizing that they are almost at hand, 'ard. *Lescaut* dissuades him, saying he has a better plan, as he is well cer in command. When the escort arrives, *Manon* is found to be

SETTING OF ACT I AT THE METROPOLITAN

(Italian)

# MANON LESCAUT

*(Man-on' Les-koh')*

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Music by Giacomo Puccini, the libretto (founded on Abbé Prévost's novel) being mainly the work of the composer and a committee of friends. English version by Mowbray Marras. First presented at Turin, February 1, 1893, with Cremonini, Ferrani and Moro. Produced at Covent Garden, May 14, 1894; at Trieste, June 10, 1893; at Hamburg, November 7, 1893. First performancc in France at Nice, March 19, 1906, at Marseilles (not given at Paris until 1910); at Madrid, November 4, 1893. First performance in America at Buenos Aires, June 9, 1893; in the United States at Grand Opera House, Philadelphia, in English, August 29, 1894, with Selma, Kronold and Montegriffo. Given in French by a small traveling company at Wallack's Theatre, May 27, 1898, and at the Tivoli Opera House, San Francisco, in 1905. Produced at Wallack's Theatre, New York, May 27, 1898, by the Royal Italian Grand Opera Company. First important New York production, January 18, 1907, with Caruso, Cavalieri and Scotti, under the direction of the composer, who then visited America for the first time.

### Characters

MANON LESCAUT ..... Soprano
LESCAUT, sergeant of the King's Guards ..... Baritone
CHEVALIER DES GRIEUX (*d'h Gree-ay'*) ..... Tenor
GERONTE DE RAVOIR, Treasurer-General ..... Bass
EDMUND, a student ..... Tenor

An Innkeeper, a Dancing-master, a Sergeant, a Captain. Singers, Beaux and Abbés, Girls, Citizens, Students, People, Courtezans, Sailors.

*Scene and Period: Paris and vicinity; second half of the eighteenth century.*

## THE STORY

romance has been treated operatically by several composers, the wrote a ballet on the subject in 1830. Other settings followed—by 1856 and Massenet in 1884.

nsists of four detached scenes selected from the novel, and the hearer owledge of the story to fully understand the action of the opera.

s the courtyard of an inn at Amiens. *it*, a dissolute soldier, is escorting his convent where she is to complete her *caut* is carousing with some chance eets a handsome gallant, *des Grieux*, ning at the inn, dressed as a student. not appealing strongly to the young to elope with *des Grieux*, thereby spoil- ld *roué, Geronte*, who had planned to ol girl. *Manon* soon tires of *des Grieux* leaves him for the wealthy *Geronte;* ils to bring her happiness, and when she runs away with him.

FARRAR AS MANON

and denounces *Manon* to the police as She is condemned to be deported to in Louisiana. *Des Grieux* and *Lescaut* e attempt fails, and in desperation the ndant to permit him to accompany her

the lovers are shown in a desert near Abbé Prévost's knowledge of American geography was evidently the French artist who drew the scene on page 290, with its lofty x leaves *Manon* to search for water, and returns just in time to see r a most affecting scene.

the carriage which *Geronte* had ordered and make their escape, leaving him furious. However, he finds *Lescaut* and suggests that they go to Paris in search of the runaways. *Lescaut*, who has been drinking, consents, delicately hinting that if *Geronte* will admit him into the family group, he will use his influence to induce *Manon* to desert *des Grieux* for the older but wealthier suitor.

## ACT II

SCENE—*An Apartment in Geronte's House in Paris*

*Manon*, who has left *des Grieux* for the wealthier *Geronte*, is seen surrounded by the utmost luxury, attended by her hairdresser, dancing master, etc. *Lescaut* enters, evidently much at home, and congratulates her on her change of fortune, taking to himself all the credit. She says she is happy, but asks *Lescaut* if he has heard any news of *des Grieux*. *Lescaut* tells her that the young man is disconsolate, and is gambling in order to get wealth to win her back to him.

*Manon* gazes pensively at the rich hangings, and in a fine air expresses her longing for the humble cottage she has left.

### In quelle trine morbide (In Those Silken Curtains)

By Frances Alda, Soprano (*In Italian*) 87106 10-inch, $2.00

They are interrupted by the entrance of a company of Madrigal singers who have been sent by *Geronte* to amuse *Manon*, and they sing a beautiful Madrigal.

### Madrigale—Sulla vetta del monte (Speed O'er Summit)

By Lopez-Nunes, Soprano, and Chorus (*In Italian*) *45015 10-inch, $1.00

When the singers have departed, the dancing master appears to teach *Manon* the minuet. She takes her lesson, while *Geronte* and several friends watch her admiringly.

*Des Grieux* now enters and reproaches *Manon* bitterly. At the sight of him her love returns, and she begs him to take her away from all this luxury. They sing a passionate duet, followed by a lovely solo for *des Grieux*, who reproaches *Manon* for her fickleness.

### Ah! Manon, mi tradisce (Manon, Kind and Gentle)

By Franco de Gregorio, Tenor (*In Italian*) *45027 10-inch, $1.00
By Giorgio Malesci, Tenor (*In Italian*) *63421 10-inch, .75

*Geronte* surprises them, but controls his rage, and sarcastically wishing them a pleasant *tête-à-tête*, goes out. *Lescaut* shortly afterward rushes in and announces that *Geronte* has sent for the police. *Des Grieux* begs *Manon* to escape at once, but she insists on collecting her jewels first. This delay is fatal, and she is arrested and taken to prison, charged with being an abandoned woman.

©WITT THE HAVRE HARBOR—ACT III

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 290.*

## ACT III

*The Harbor at Havre*

ished from France, and is now
the French colony in Louisiana.
ure her release, entreats the offi-
on board. The captain, touched
ppy lovers, consents, and with a
barks just as the ship is sailing.

## ACT IV

*solate Spot in Louisiana*

long duet in which the sad, but
nded. The music portrays the
the despair of *Des Grieux* when
r, the last farewell of the lovers,
he unhappy young man when
pires, unable to bear more, he
dy.

COPY'T MISHKIN

CARUSO AS DES GRIEUX

## ND MISCELLANEOUS MANON LESCAUT RECORDS

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| Franco de Gregorio, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>del monte (Speed O'er Summit) (*In Italian*)<br>unes, Soprano, and Chorus | 45015 | 10-inch, | $1.00 |
| Egidio Cunego, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>By Ernesto Badini, Baritone (*In Italian*) | 45016 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

# MARITANA

## ROMANTIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Libretto by Edward Fitzball. Music by William Vincent Wallace. First produced at Drury Lane, London, November 15, 1845. First American production in Philadelphia, May 4, 1848, by the Seguins. Other notable productions: In 1854 at the old Broadway Theatre, New York, with Louise Pyne and Sims Reeves; in 1857 by the Pyne and Harrison Opera Company, with the composer conducting; in 1865 by the Harrison English Opera Company, at Niblo's, with Theodore Thomas conducting; in 1868 by the Caroline Richings Opera Troupe, and in 1870 by the Parepa-Rosa English Opera Company. More recent revivals by the Metropolitan English Opera Company, Gustave Hinrich and Henry W. Savage.

### Characters

CHARLES II, King of Spain ..... Bass
DON JOSE DE SANTAREM, his Minister ..... Baritone
DON CAESAR DE BAZAN ..... Tenor
MARQUIS DE MONTEFIORI ..... Bass
LAZARILLO ..... Mezzo-Soprano
MARITANA, a gypsy singer ..... Soprano
MARCHIONESS DE MONTEFIORI ..... Soprano

*Time and Place: The scene is laid in Madrid, at the time of Charles II.*

Wallace's lovely opera of old Madrid is still beloved for its tunefulness and its sentimental music. The ideal of opera fifty years ago was that of quiet, unaffected sweetness, and the composer in his Maritana achieved that quality to perfection. The story of the opera is founded upon that well-known play, *Don Caesar de Bazan.*

### ACT I

SCENE—*A Public Place in Madrid*

The opening scene shows a band of gypsies singing in the streets. The young king, *Charles,* listens and is fascinated by the beauty of *Maritana,* one of the gypsies. The crafty *Don Jose,* the *King's* Minister, extols her charms to His Majesty, hoping that the *King* will compromise himself so that he (*Don Jose*) can inform the *Queen* and further his own designs on Her Majesty. *Don Caesar,* a jovial cavalier and a former friend of *Don Jose's,* appears in a slightly exhilarated condition, and in befriending a forlorn lad, *Lazarillo,* involves himself in a duel with *Lazarillo's* master. This leads to his arrest for dueling in Holy Week, and he is sentenced to die, to the grief of *Maritana,* who has taken a fancy to the gay cavalier.

### ACT II

SCENE—*Interior of a Fortress*

*Don Caesar* sleeps in his cell, with the faithful *Lazarillo,* who has accompanied his benefactor, by his side. The Minister enters, and *Caesar,* in a famous solo, "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," begs to be allowed to die like a soldier instead of being hanged. He is assured that it can be arranged if, in the meantime, he will consent to be married. Anxious to avoid such an ignominious death, *Don Caesar* consents without inquiring who the bride is to be. The wedding banquet is being served when *Lazarillo* arrives with a pardon, which *Jose* secures and hides, his scheme being to have *Don Caesar* shot and then induce *Maritana* to go to the palace by pretending that her husband is there, and then compromise the *King.* Here, *Don Jose,* thinking of his affection for the *Queen,* sings a beautiful ballad.

## In Happy Moments

**By Alan Turner, Baritone** (*In English*) *16552 10-inch, $0.75

DON JOSÉ:
In happy moments day by day,
The sands of life may pass,
In swift but tranquil tide away
From time's unerring glass.
Yet hopes we used as bright to deem,
Remembrance will recall;
Whose pure and whose unfading beam
Is dearer than them all.

Though anxious eyes upon us gaze,
And hearts with fondness beat,
Whose smile upon each feature plays
With truthfulness replete.
Some thoughts none other can replace,
Remembrance will recall,
Which in the flight of years we trace,
Is dearer than them all.

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 292.*

been promised a glorious future if she will consent to wed *Don* eiled, and the marriage takes place, after which the guards enter *rillo*, however, has drawn the bullets from the guns, and when the nharmed, but pretends death, and later escapes to a ball at the

:ENE II—*An Apartment in the Montefiori Palace*

rom *Don Jose*, the *Marquis* introduces *Maritana* as his niece. *Caesar* lemands his bride. In despair he exclaims:

s my wife in vain, for like some phantom she eludes me. Thus ading, the fondest hopes I've cherished. For me now nought reamy memories.

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**nack, Tenor** (*In English*) **64307 10-inch, $1.00**

oometh,
e shed,
it weepeth,
r fled.
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ier
past.

It wafteth perfume o'er us
Which few can e'er forget,
Of the bright scenes gone before us,
Of sweet though sad regret!
Let no heart brave its power,
By guilty thoughts o'ercast,
For them a poison'd flower
Is the mem'ry of the past.

nat *Don Caesar* shall be presented to the *Marchioness*, who is closely ›es not work, however, as *Caesar* hears *Maritana's* voice and tries quickly spirited away.

## ACT III

SCENE—*Apartment in the Palace of the King*

*tana* is in the palace, wondering what is to become of her amid all d counter schemes. She sings her plaintive ballad.

PAINTED BY BECKER — MARRIAGE OF FIGARO AND SUSANNA

(Italian)

# NOZZE DI FIGARO

*(Not'-zeh dee Fee'-gar-oh)*

(French)

# MARIAGE DE FIGARO

*(Mah-ree-ahzh' deh Fee'-gah-row)*

(English)

# THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text by Lorenza da Ponte, founded on a comedy by Beaumarchais of the same name. Music by Mozart. First production at the National Theatre, Vienna, May 1, 1786, with Mozart conducting. In Paris as *Le Mariage de Figaro,* in five acts, with Beaumarchais' spoken dialogue, at the Academie, March 20, 1793; at the Theatre Lyrique, as *Les Noces de Figaro,* by Barbier and Carré, in four acts, May 8, 1858. In London, in Italian, at the King's Theatre, June 18, 1812. First American production April 8, 1835, in English. Some notable revivals were—in the 70's, with Hersee, Sequin and Parepa-Rosa; in 1889, with Nordica, Eames, de Reszke, Ancona and Arnoldson; in 1902, with Sembrich, Eames, Fritzi Scheff, de Reszke and Campanari; and in 1909, with Sembrich, Eames, Farrar and Scotti.

### Cast

FIGARO, (*Fee'-gah-roh*) the Barber, valet to the Count ..... Bass
COUNT ALMAVIVA, (*Al-mah-vee'-vah*) a Spanish noble ..... Baritone
COUNTESS ALMAVIVA, his wife ..... Soprano
SUSANNA, maid of the Countess, betrothed to Figaro ..... Soprano
CHERUBINO, (*Chay-rue-bee'-noh*) page to the Countess ..... Soprano
MARCELLINA, (*Mar-chel-lee'-nah*) servant to Bartolo ..... Contralto
BARTOLO, a rejected lover of Susanna ..... Bass
BASILIO, (*Bah-zee'-lee-oh*) a busybody ..... Tenor
DON CURZIO ..... Tenor
ANTONIO, gardener to the Count ..... Bass

Servants, Country People, Guards.

*Scene and Period: Seville; the seventeenth century. The action is a direct continuation of the Barber of Seville.*

## OF THE OPERA—THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, with its merry plot and music, is one of the most delightful of musical comedies, and regret must be expressed for the all too infrequent performance of this ever-young and lovely opera, in which the complications of the story, the quick changes of mood, and the sparkling humor are all so well reflected in the music. In no single opera, perhaps, is there such a succession of musical gems as in Figaro. Each is perfect in its way and each seems to enhance the beauty of the others.

This comedy by Beaumarchais, on which the plot is founded, has been utilized by many composers, Mozart's version being written in 1785.

Those who have read the story of *Barber of Seville* will find themselves again making the acquaintance of *Bartolo*, *Almaviva* and *Figaro*, some time after the marriage of the dashing *Count* to *Bartolo's* ward. The *Count* has settled down quietly on his estates, while *Figaro*, as a reward for his services as a matchmaker, has been appointed major-domo of the castle. *Figaro* is in love with the *Countess'* maid *Susanna*, and expects to marry her soon, but unfortunately for

THE GREAT HALL OF BARTOLO'S PALACE—ACT I, SCENE II

## ACT II

SCENE I—*Apartment of the Countess*

At the beginning of Scene II, the *Countess* sings her lovely appeal to Cupid.

### Porgi amor (Love, Thou Holy Impulse)

**By Teresa Arkel,**
**Soprano** (*Italian*)
***63419 10-inch, $0.75**

*Susanna* enters and tells the *Countess* of her husband's fickleness and they consult *Figaro,* who plans to make the *Count* jealous by telling him that the *Countess* is to meet a lover that evening in the garden. It is planned to send *Marcellina* in the *Countess'* place, and *Cherubino,* dressed as a young girl, to meet the *Count* in *Susanna's* place.

*Figaro* departs, and *Cherubino* enters. Seeing his mistress, he begins to heave deep sighs, but *Susanna* mocks him and tells the *Countess* he has written a song about his lady love. The *Countess* bids him sing it, and he takes his guitar and describes the delights and torments caused by Cupid's arrow.

### Voi che sapete (What is This Feeling?)

**By Nellie Melba,**
**Soprano** (*In Italian*)
**88067 12-inch, $3.00**

The song is in ballad form, to suit the situation, the voice giving out the clear, lovely melody, while the stringed instruments carry on a simple accompaniment *pizzicato,* to imitate the guitar; and this delicate outline is shaded and animated by solo wind instruments.

It is difficult to say which to admire most—the gracefulness of the melodies, the delicacy of disposition of the parts, the charm of the tone-coloring, or the tenderness of expression—the whole is of entrancing beauty.

GADSKI AND RIEGELMAN AS COUNTESS AND CHERUBINO

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 299.*

ıkes me so sad?
ıkes me so glad?
–How can it be?
!—

ırnings,

, spirit or elf!
Why do I freeze?
at ease.
ng's at rest,
ut in my breast?
ıy is more bright;
shine on the night:
ener the hill,
ws from each rill.

BLANCHE'S PAINTING OF THE LOVE-SICK PAGE

ss up the page to repre-
ıo sooner finished when
*rubino* hides in the closet.
'e's confusion, and hear-
becomes jealous. He
ıe closet door, and when
crowbar. The moment
:d by *Susanna*, slips out
e window, and *Susanna*
ce. When the *Count* re-
the maid comes out and
ologize for his suspicions.
with her lawyer and demands that *Figaro* shall keep his promise
promises to look into the matter.

## ACT III

:ENE I—*A Cabinet in the Count's Residence*

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THE COUNT IS JEALOUS—ACT II

## Crudel perchè finora (Too Long You Have Deceived Me)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Antonio Scotti, Baritone**

**(*In Italian*) 89027 12-inch, $4.00**

***Susanna*** **pretends to encourage the attentions of the** ***Count,*** **in furtherance of the plot conceived by the** ***Countess;*** **while at the same time she deftly repels his advances. Finally she promises to meet him in the arbor and the** ***Count*** **is in ecstasies.**

COUNT:
Too long you have deceived me;
Hope, weary, bids farewell.
SUSANNA:
What passes in her bosom
A maiden dreads to tell.
COUNT: You'll meet me in the grove, then?
SUSANNA: When sunset's on the lea.
COUNT: And do not mean it falsely?
SUSANNA: Oh, no; rely on me!
COUNT (*aside*):
What transport now is flying
Thro' this enraptured breast!
SUSANNA (*aside*):
Oh, may the scheme I'm trying,
Bring all to peace and rest!
COUNT: Then, by the garden bower?
SUSANNA: At twilight I will be.
COUNT: You'll not forget the hour?
SUSANNA: Oh, no, depend on me.
COUNT: In the garden?
SUSANNA: Yes!
COUNT: You'll not forget?
SUSANNA: No! No! No! Oh, no, depend on me!
COUNT (*retiring*): I have won her!
SUSANNA (*aside*): Well, cunning as you are, sir,
This time you've met your match!

n which *Susanna* takes part in the opera, the *Crudel perche* is the Farrar and Mr. Scotti, both accomplished Mozart singers, deliver

e, each satisfied with the interview,—the *Count* believing she has vinced that she has him in a trap.

*Iarcellina,* with her lawyer, *Bartolo* and *Figaro* now enter, and *Figaro* ormed that he must wed *Marcellina* or pay damages; but the dis- of a birthmark proves him to be the long lost son of *Marcellina.* nbraces his mother just as *Susanna* comes in, and she, seeing *Figaro* nis arms around the woman he was lately trying to avoid, decides e has changed his mind. Matters are explained, however, and rations for the wedding are begun.

*usanna* now seeks the *Counless* and tells her mistress that the *Count* s to meet her (*Susanna*) in the garden. The *Countess* then dictates r in which *Susanna* is to appoint a time and place for the meeting. vriting of this letter is portrayed in a delicate duet.

## soave zeffiretto (Letter Duet—Song to the phyr)

**By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano, and Emma Eames, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **95202 12-inch, $5.00**

his number is always greatly enjoyed in representations of the being a fine example of the Mozartian style and full of beauties, ly in the vocal parts, but in the masterly orchestration.

SCENE II—*Hall in the Chateau*

this scene *Figaro* and *Susanna* are married, and in the course of stivities *Susanna* contrives to slip the note to the *Count,* who is

THE GARDEN—ACT IV

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DE LUSSAN AS CHERUBINO

*Cherubino,* having an appointment with the maid *Barbarina,* now enters, and seeing the *Countess,* thinks it is *Susanna* and kisses her. The *Countess* struggles, and the little rascal says:

CHERUBINO:
Why to me a kiss deny?
With the Count you are not shy!
Come, come, give o'er, then,
And strive no more, then;
One kiss to your little friend!
COUNTESS (*struggling*):
Hence, or I will call for assistance!
CHERUBINO:
One kiss only—no resistance!

The *Count* arrives just in time to see this, and giving *Cherubino* a box on the ear, sends him flying. He then makes love to the supposed *Susanna,* the *Countess* disguising her voice and encouraging him. *Figaro* now sees *Susanna,* whom he of course takes to be the *Countess,* and tells her that her husband and *Susanna* are together. *Susanna* reveals herself and *Figaro* embraces her. The *Count* sees this embrace and his jealousy making him forget his new conquest, he seizes *Figaro* and calls for help. The plot is now revealed, and the *Count,* confessing he is conquered, begs the *Countess'* forgiveness and promises to be a model husband. As the curtain falls the three happy couples are entering the house to continue the marriage festivities.

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## DOUBLE-FACED MARRIAGE OF FIGARO RECORDS

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| **Overture** — By Arthur Pryor's Band<br>*Fra Diavolo Overture* — *By Arthur Pryor's Band* | 35109 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Porgi amor** — By Teresa Arkel, Soprano (*In Italian*)<br>*Toglietemi la vita ancor—Romanza* — *By Teresa Arkel* (*In Italian*) | 63419 | 10-inch, | .75 |

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(English)

# MARTHA

(*Mahr'-thah*)

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

e and Friedrich. Music by Friedrich von Flotow. The opera is Henrietta, or the Servant of Greenwich," a ballet-pantomime, with sic by Flotow, Burgmuller and Deldevez, which was suggested by sented in Paris in 1844. *Martha* was first produced at the Court r 25, 1847, with Anna Kerr and Carl Formes. First London Covent Garden, in Italian, and at Drury Lane in English. First Italy, at Milan, April 25, 1859. Given in 1865 at the *Théâtre Lyrique*, an production 1852, in German. First New Orleans production lle. Dalmont. A notable New York production occurred in 1887 ente and Scalchi. Later Metropolitan performances were in 1896; cause of the death of Castelmary on the stage in the second act); rilliant revival in 1906, with Caruso, Sembrich, Homer and Plançon.

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### Characters of the Drama

URHAM, Maid-of-honor to Queen Anne . . . . . Soprano
. . . . . Mezzo-Soprano
LEFORD, Lady Harriet's cousin . . . . . Bass
hy farmer . . . . . Bass
rother, afterwards Earl of Derby . . . . . Tenor
ICHMOND . . . . . Bass
OF LADY HARRIET, . . . . . Tenor and Two Basses
ANTS, . . . . . Soprano and Mezzo-Soprano

## ACT I

### SCENE I—*Boudoir of Lady Harriet*

*Lady Harriet*, maid-of-honor to Queen Anne, is weary of the monotony of court life. She is bored by her admirers, and jewels and flowers pall upon her. "Why do you weep?" says her faithful maid, *Nancy*. "I do not know," exclaims *Harriet*.

## Mesta ognor (Ah, These Tears)

**By Louise Homer and Bessie Abott** (*In Italian*) **89009 12-inch, $4.00**

NANCY:
Of the knights so brave and charming
Who surround our gracious queen,
And themselves with wit are arming,
Some one has so lucky been
Your cold and haughty heart to win!
Is there aught in this alarming?
LADY HARRIET:
Vain belief! How can rejoice me
Such insipid, idle love?
For to please and interest me
Flattery is not enough!
NANCY:
This is really too distressing;
Her's is called a brilliant lot!
If love does not work a wonder,
This flower fades and blossoms not!
Balls and tournaments are giving,
And your colors win the prize,
Proudly from the banners waving,
While the victor vainly sighs
For a smile from your fair eyes,
Which his armor penetrated!
LADY HARRIET:
All my glowing ardent wishes
Please me not when they're fulfill'd!
NANCY:
Then, from ennui to save you,
Nothing is for you remaining
But to let your heart be conquer'd,
Not a particle retaining!

*Tristan, Harriet's* cousin, a gay but rather ancient beau, is now announced and proposes a long list of diversions for *Harriet's* amusement. She declines them all and teases him unmercifully. The song of the servant maids, on their way to the Richmond Fair, now floats in through the window; and hearing these strains of the happy peasants, *Harriet* conceives a madcap desire to accompany them. *Nancy* and *Tristan* protest, but she orders them to go with her. Dresses are procured and they start for the fair, the ladies in the disguise of servant girls, and *Tristan* garbed as a farmer.

### SCENE II—*The Fair at Richmond*

The scene changes to the Richmond Fair, where a motley crowd of men and maidens are looking for positions. Two young farmers, *Plunkett* and *Lionel*, now enter, the latter

THE FAIR SCENE

being an orphan and adopted brother of *Plunkett*. *Lionel's* father, on his deathbed, had given *Plunkett* a ring, which was to be present the *Queen* should the son ever be involved in difficulties.

In this fine duet the

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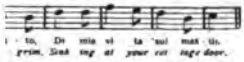
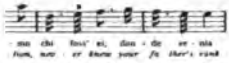


ly popular and has been
including several hymns.



e he has for his adopted

a very beautiful one, then

t his station,
father's rank;
: secret
your hand.
ever darken,"
t to the Queen;
e will guard you
p is seen."

"LOST, PROSCRIBED"

Stronger, daily, grew a friendship
That forever lasts, when true.
BOTH: Brother, think not wealth and splendor,
If perchance they e'er be mine,

LIONEL AND PLUNKETT:
This is your future dwelling;
And traveling has an end.
HARRIET AND NANCY:
We're reaping for our folly,
Full measur'd punishment!
LIONEL AND PLUNKETT (*cordially*):
Our house and home are yours now,
Their comfort you will share.
HARRIET AND NANCY (*ironically*):
Their house and home are ours now,
O we unhappy pair!

LIONEL AND PLUNKETT:
At dawn of day and morn's first glimpse
Be up and stir about!
HARRIET AND NANCY:
What vulgar ways they make us take!
Before the sun is out!
More monstrous things they'll next command
That we never heard about!
LIONEL:
And extra crowns your purse may see
Before the year is out!

**The quartet passage with which this record ends is one of the most beautiful in Flotow's opera.**

## Che vuol dir cío (Surprised and Astounded!)

**By Frances Alda, Soprano; Josephine Jacoby, Contralto; Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In Italian*) **95208 12-inch, $5.00**

**When the ladies have recovered their breath and begin to realize that they are in no immediate danger, the temptation to plague their employers is irresistible, and when the young men endeavor to instruct the new servants in their duties the fun commences.**

**At the close of the first quartet passage, *Plunkett* shows the girls the door of their room. Anxious to escape from the scene and have an opportunity to discuss their predicament, they start toward their room, but *Plunkett*, thinking of his appetite, stops them.**

PLUNKETT (*interposing*):
Not quite so fast—
First prepare a light repast!
HARRIET AND NANCY:
Kitchen work! O these barbarians!
LIONEL:
Why not excuse them? They are tired!
PLUNKETT (*firmly*):
Too much kindness will not do.

**However, even the gruff farmer has realized by this time that these are servant girls of a most unusual kind, and hesitates to scold them.**

PLUNKETT:
What names bear you?
HARRIET AND NANCY:
We?
LIONEL:
Yes, you!
PLUNKETT:
Yes, of course!
HARRIET:
Martha is mine.
LIONEL: Martha?

HARRIET:
Yes!
PLUNKETT (*to Nancy*):
Well, and yours?
NANCY (*aside to Harriet*):
(What shall I tell him?)
PLUNKETT:
Well, don't you know it?
NANCY (*hesitatingly*):
Ju-ju-julia!

COPY'T DUPONT

SEMBRICH AS MARTHA—ACT I

PLUNKETT (*mimicking her*):
Ju-oo-olia! You're proudly nam'd girl!
(*With exaggerated courtesy.*)
Julia! Be kind enough—
If your ladyship so please it—
(*Gruffly*)
To hang my hat and mantle up!
NANCY (*indignantly*):
Do it yourself!

PLUNKETT (*taken aback*):
Bold! by the prophets!
LIONEL (*to Plunkett*):
Not so bluntly give your orders,
Rather wishes breathe, like me:
(*Very politely*)
Martha, take these things, prithee!
(*Harriet takes them, but promptly throws them on the floor.*)

**Astonished at such revolutionary conduct from servants, the young men exclaim:**

LIONEL AND PLUNKETT:
Surpris'd I am and astounded,
And I can say no more;
Such impudence unbounded,
Was never seen before!

HARRIET AND NANCY:
Surpris'd they are and confounded,
And sorely puzzled is their brain;
This blow has smartly sounded,
May be they'll never try again!

**The maidens determine to lead their captors a strenuous life, and when they are ordered to get supper they promptly refuse.**

METROPOLITAN SETTING OF ACT II

## ›inning Wheel Quartet)

Soprano: Josephine Jacoby, Contralto: Enrico Caruso,
el Journet, Bass (In Italian) 95209 12-inch $5.00

*Lionel* finds himself falling in love with the beautiful *Martha.* She laughs at him, but is nevertheless impressed with his good looks and manly bearing; so much so that when he asks her to sing she consents, and taking the rose from her bosom she sings the exquisite "Last Rose of Summer."

## Last Rose of Summer

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Adelina Patti, Soprano | (*In English*) | 95030 | 12-inch, | $5.00 |
| By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano | (*In English*) | 88308 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano | (*In English*) | 88102 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Alice Nielsen, Soprano | (*In English*) | 74121 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| By Lucy Marsh, Soprano | (*In English*) | 60126 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| By Elizabeth Wheeler, Soprano (*Double-Faced*) | (*In English*) | 16813 | 10-inch, | .75 |

As is generally known, this air is not by Flotow, but is an old Irish tune, to which Moore fitted his poem. In fact, Martha undoubtedly owes much of its vogue to this ancient Irish air, which was called "The Groves of Blarney." Moore wrote the words about 1813, and they have become the most popular of all his verses.

'Tis the last rose of summer,
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone;
No flower of her kindred,
No rosebud is nigh
To reflect back her blushes,
Or give sigh for sigh!

I'll not leave thee, thou lov'd one,
To pine on the stem;
Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go sleep thou with them.
Thus kindly I scatter
Thy leaves o'er the bed—
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead!

*Nancy* now returns, still pursued by the exasperated *Plunkett.*

PLUNKETT:
Don't you try this game again, girl!
Where do you suppose she was?
In the kitchen was the vixen
Breaking bottles, glasses, dishes,
And a good deal have I suffer'd,
Till at last I caught the lass!
NANCY:
Let me go! Don't make me mad, sir,
Or some scratching you will see!
PLUNKETT (*releasing her*):
By the prophets! she has spirit!
I confess, that pleases me!
NANCY (*plaintively*):
Martha!
PLUNKETT:
Pooh! What's wrong with you now?
Standing as if thunder-struck!
Get yourselves to bed, ye idlers!
Off with you, my saucy Puck!
(*The clock strikes twelve.*)

The farmers, somewhat subdued by the knowledge that they have engaged two most spirited and insubordinate damsels, now bid their new-found servants good night in this beautiful number, one of the gems of Flotow's opera.

## Quartetto notturno (Good Night Quartet)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Frances Alda, Soprano; Josephine Jacoby, Contralto; Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Marcel Journet, Bass | (*In Italian*) | 95210 | 12-inch, | $5.00 |
| By Lyric Quartet (*Double-faced—See page 307*) | (*In English*) | 17226 | 10-inch, | .75 |

PLUNKETT AND LIONEL:
Midnight sounds!
LADY AND NANCY:
Midnight sounds!
LIONEL (*to Martha*):
Cruel one, may dreams transport thee
To a future rich and blest!
And tomorrow, gently yielding,
Smile upon me! sweetly rest!
PLUNKETT (*to Nancy*):
Sleep thee well, and may thy temper
Sweeter in my service grow;
Still your sauciness is rather
To my liking—do you know?
MARTHA AND NANCY:
Yes, good-night! such night as never
We have lived to see before;
Were I but away, I'd never
Play the peasant any more!
ALL:
Good-night!
(*Harriet and Nancy retire to their chamber, and Plunkett and Lionel leave by the large door, locking it after them.*)

The maidens now peep out from their room, and seeing no one, come out, and are excitedly discussing their chances of escape, when *Tristan's* voice is heard outside softly calling to them. Overjoyed, they make their escape through the window, and return to their home in the carriage provided by *Tristan.*

THE QUEEN'S HUNTING PARK—ACT III

## ACT III

SCENE—*A Hunting Park in Richmond Forest*

he Forest of Richmond, where the *Queen* is hunting with her attenders, who have sought vainly for their late servants, have come hither and forget the two maidens who have wrought such havoc with their

*Lionel* suddenly encounters *Lady Harriet,* and although amazed at seeing her in the dress of a lady, warmly pleads his love.

LIONEL:
Yes, 'tis thee!
Once more I do behold thee!
Praised be God; it is no dream!
HARRIET (*aside*):
My heart!
LIONEL:
Lookest down so proudly;
Yet my heart knew thee at once.
HARRIET (*with dignity*):
Knew me? You're mistaken!
LIONEL:
I've hoarded thy fair image
Deep in my breast—No—
This dress does not deceive me—
'Tis thee, thee! Be Heaven blest!
HARRIET:
Madman, you dream!
LIONEL:
Ah! If but a dream,
This, a creation, of my brain,
Then, oh Martha, let me enjoy
This delusion while it lasts!
(*He attempts to seize her hand.*)
HARRIET:
Hold! presumptuous man!
No further! thou hast rav'd too long uncheck'd!

CARUSO AS LIONEL

*Lady Harriet* is forced to call the hunters, to whom she declares that *Lionel* must be mad. He is distracted, while *Plunkett* endeavors to console him. The great finale, a part of which closes the Opera Medley (see below), then occurs. It is a magnificent piece of concerted music.

## ACT IV

### SCENE I—*Plunkett's Farm House*

*Plunkett* is discovered alone, musing on the unhappy plight of his foster brother, who, since his rejection by *Harriet,* is inconsolable.

*Nancy* enters, and she and *Plunkett* soon come to an understanding. They decide to present *Lionel's* ring to the *Queen,* hoping thus to clear up the mystery of his birth.

### SCENE II—*A Representation of the Richmond Fair*

*Lionel's* ring has been shown to the *Queen,* who discovers that the young man is really the son of the banished *Earl of Derby.* However, he refuses to accept his rightful rank and continues to brood over the insult offered him in the forest. As a last resort a complete reproduction of the Fair Scene of Act II is arranged, with booths and the crowd of servants all represented. *Harriet, Nancy* and *Plunkett* are dressed in the costumes worn at their first meeting.

*Lionel* is led in by *Plunkett,* and when he sees *Harriet* in the dress of a servant, the cloud seems to pass from his mind and he embraces her tenderly. The two couples pledge their troth and all ends happily.

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## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS MARTHA RECORDS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overture to Martha — By Pryor's Band<br>*Nocturne in E♭ (Opus 9) (Chopin)* — *By Victor Sorlin, 'Cellist (Piano acc.)* | 35133 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| Last Rose of Summer — By Elizabeth Wheeler, Soprano (*In English*)<br>*Tannhauser—The Evening Star* — *By Victor Sorlin, 'Cellist* | 16813 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Good Night Quartet — By Lyric Quartet<br>*Madrigal from "The Mikado" (Brightly Dawns our Wedding Day) (Gilbert-Sullivan)* — *By Lyric Quartet* | 17226 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Canzone del porter (Porter Song) — By Carlos Francisco, Baritone (*In Italian*)<br>*Trovatore—Il balen del suo sorriso (The Tempest of the Heart)* — *By Francesco Cigada, Baritone (In Italian)* | 16812 | 10-inch, | .75 |

## Gems from Martha

Chorus of Servants—Quartet, "Swains So Shy"—"Last Rose of Summer"—"Good Night Quartet"—"May Dreams Transport Thee"—Finale, "Ah, May Heaven Forgive Thee."

**By the Victor Opera Company** (*In English*) **31797 12-inch, $1.00**

(Italian)

# BALLO IN MASCHERA

*(Bah'-loh een Mahs'-keh-rah)*

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# ASQUÉ

*is-kay')*

(English)

# MASKED BALL

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

music by Verdi. First produced in Rome at the *Teatro Apollo,* ıris, *Théâtre des Italiens,* January 13, 1861. First London production :w York production February 11, 1861. Some notable revivals le Reszke; February 6, 1905, with Caruso, Eames, Homer, Scotti, ıd November 22, 1913, with Caruso, Destinn, Matzenauer, Hempel

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### Characters

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| f Warwick and Governor of Boston | Tenor |
| :retary | Baritone |
| Reinhart | Soprano |
| astrologer | Contralto |
| | Soprano |
| of the Count | Bass<br>Bass |

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:riod: *In and near Boston, end of the seventeenth century.*

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ıosed for the San Carlo, Naples, and first called Gustavo III (after an

## La rivedrà nell'estasi (I Shall Behold Her)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Frieda Hempel, Soprano; Leon Rothier, Bass; A. Perello de Segurola, Bass; and Chorus** (*In Italian*) **89077 12-inch, $4.00**

This number, although usually taking its title from the famous solo of *Richard, La rivedrà,* actually begins with his greeting of the people who have assembled for the *Governor's* morning audience:

RICHARD (*saluting the assembly*):
My friends, soldiers, and
You beloved companions so dear to me,
My duty bids me watch o'er my faithful subjects,
And protect them.
Justice requires it—
The only charm in power
Is to dry their tears and crown
Good deeds with glory.

OSCAR (*addressing the Governor*):
Here is the list of guests invited to the ball.

RICHARD:
Hast thou forgotten the name of any fair one?

OSCAR:
The list is complete.

RICHARD (*seeing Amelia's name*):
Amelia—dear sweet name!
Its mere sound fills my heart with joy!
Her beauteous, charming image
Inspires my soul with love.
Here soon I shall behold her
In all her tender charms.
No matter what the splendor
Of night's most brilliant stars,
I swear none is so brilliant
As my love's dazzling eyes!

COPY'T DUPORT

CARUSO AS RICHARD

The people now join in a chorus of praise, while the conspirators, headed by *Samuel* and *Tom,* decide to select a more auspicious moment to consummate their plots against the *Governor.*

SAMUEL, TOM AND CONSPIRATORS (*aside*):
The hour is not propitious
The carry out our mission.
From this unsafe position
'Tis better to retire.

THE PEOPLE:
All selfish thoughts discarding,
With generous affection
Our welfare and protection
Are still his sole desire.

Caruso is especially happy in this remarkably melodious and graceful solo and in the dialogue with *Oscar* (Mme. Hempel), the ensuing ensemble being admirably given by Hempel, Caruso, Segurola and the Metropolitan Chorus.

*Reinhart* enters and tells the Governor of a plot against his life.

## Alla vita che t'arride (On the Life Thou Now Dost Cherish)

**By Mattia Battistini, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **88232 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Titta Ruffo, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **87113 10-inch, 2.00**

In this fine air he enthusiastically praises *Richard's* noble acts, and tells him his friends and faithful subjects will defeat the plans of the conspirators.

A negro woman, *Ulrica,* is now brought in and accused of being a witch. *Richard* laughs at the accusation and dismisses the woman. He calls his courtiers around him, and suggests that for a lark they go disguised to the hut of the sorceress and consult her. The friends agree, and the plotters, headed by *Samuel* and *Tom,* see a chance to further their plans.

### SCENE II—*The Hut of Ulrica*

The hut is crowded with people who have come to have their fortunes told. The sorceress stands over her magic cauldron and sings her incantation.

## King of the Shades)

**tracewska, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **76005 12-inch, $2.00**

**yssmal king to appear and aid in her mystic rites.**

- Abyss!
nt air
heard screeching,
The ominous lapwing.
Three times, too, has been hissing
The venomous red dragon,
And three times have been groaning
The spirits from the graves!

**arrives, dressed as a sailor, and accompanied by his companions. th the witch when a knock is heard, and all leave the hut by *Ulrica's* who conceals himself in a corner.**

**sks the sorceress to give her peace of mind by banishing a love ol. The witch promises speedy relief if *Amelia* will gather a certain e brewed a magic liquor.**

## caso (Hard by the Western Portal)

**lli, Soprano; Lina Mileri, Contralto; Gino tti, Tenor** (*In Italian*) ***68143 12-inch, $1.25**

**ctions, and the witch proceeds:**

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ward,
ngirted
ms on the field,
Accurs'd, abhor'd, deserted,
And cull the flowers lowly
From those black rocks unholy,
Where crimes have dark atonement made
With life's departing sigh!

**consents to go that very night, and takes her departure. *Ulrica* now , and *Richard*, in the character of the sailor, asks her to tell his for- e prophetess takes the form of a barcarolle—the favorite measure of a l, vigorous and tuneful, has all the swing of a rollicking song of the sea.**

## (The Waves Will Bear Me)

COPY'T MISHKIN

CARUSO AS RICCARDO

The quintette, although it takes its title from the commencement of *Richard's* laughing "È scherzo," really begins with the comment of the horror-stricken courtiers:

OSCAR AND COURTIERS:
Dreadful thought!
ULRICA (*impressively*):
Thus 'tis written on high!
RICHARD (*airily*):
But food for mirth and mocking,
This prophecy so shocking,
I' faith perforce it makes me laugh,
Their woeful looks to note.
ULRICA (*meaningly, to Samuel and Tom*):
And you, my lords, no jesting
You deem my dark forecasting,
You find not in your hearts to laugh;
Dark scenes before you float!
SAMUEL AND TOM (*alarmed*):
Her tongue like sharp arrows smites me,
Her lightning glance affrights me!
A confidante of Satan,
She can dive into your soul.
OSCAR AND CHORUS:
Can he thus be fated,
To die assassinated?
The very thought is agony
And harrows up my soul!

HEMPEL AS O

The Victor record of the quintette is made with the identical cast of tl Metropolitan revival, which was an ideal one. Caruso was most happy in th *Richard*, singing the lighter music with gaiety and abandon, and the more dram with thrilling power. Frieda Hempel sang *Oscar* beautifully, and was a perfect her boy's costume. Mlle. Duchene's dramatic *Ulrica* brought her many favorabl while de Segurola and Rothier as the two arch conspirators were admirable.

COPY'T MISHKIN

ROTHIER AS TOMASO

The conspirators, *Samuel* and *Tom*, are uneasy, thinking themselves suspected, but the Governor laughs and asks who will grasp his hand to prove the prophecy false. No one dares to grant his request.

RICHARD:
Which one will prove
The prophecy false?
(*Offers his hand, but all refuse it.*)

*Reinhart*, who has become anxious about his chief and has come in search of him, now enters, and seeing the Governor, shakes him by the hand, calling him by name, to the astonishment of all those not in the secret. *Sir Richard* tells the witch she is a false prophet, as this is his most faithful friend.

RICHARD:
The oracle has lied!
That man who grasped my hand
Is my most faithful friend!

DE SEGUROLA AS I

: the Governor with cheers, and kneeling, sing the hymn:

## erra (Oh, Son of Glorious England)

**[uguet, Ines Salvador, Francesco Cigada, Aristodemo**
**a Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***63173 10-inch, $0.75**

d number, which closes the first act, is sung in a splendid manner gada and Sillich of La Scala forces, assisted by the famous chorus

### ACT II

NE I—*A Field near Boston—on one side a Gallows*

ened by her lonely surroundings, enters in search of the magic herb. ir, *Yonder Plant Enchanted.*

## lo divulsa (Yonder Plant Enchanted)

**ski, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88496 12-inch, $3.00**
**ni, Soprano** (*In Italian*) ***68143 12-inch, 1.25**

AMELIA:

When at last from its stem I shall sever
Yonder weed of dread virtue enchanted,
From my tempest-torn bosom forever
When that image so ethereal shall perish,
What remains to thee then, oh, my heart!
Ah, tears blind me!
The weight of my sorrow
Chains my steps on their desolate journey!
Heart, have courage;
From these rocks their hardness borrow!
Come, oh, Death, let thy merciful dart,
Still forever my poor throbbing heart!
(*A distant clock strikes.*)
Hark! 'tis midnight! Ah, yon vision!
Moving, breathing, lo! a figure,
All mist-like upward wreathing!
Ha! in those orbits baleful anger is seething;

## Ve' se di notte qui con la sposa (Ah! Here by Moonlight)

**By Giacomelli, Minolfi, Preve and Chorus** (*Italian*) ***35179 12-inch, $1.25**

*Amelia* is overcome with shame, but protests her innocence. *Reinhart* bitterly upbraids her and denounces his false friend *Richard,* while the conspirators depart, anticipating the sensation which the city will enjoy on the morrow.

*Reinhart,* now bent on revenge, decides to cast his lot with the plotters, and the act closes as he says to *Amelia* with deep meaning:

REINHART (*alone with Amelia*):
I shall fulfill my promise
To take thee to the city!

AMELIA (*aside*):
His voice like a death warrant
Doth sound in my ear!

SAMMARCO AS REINHART

### ACT III

SCENE I—*A Room in Reinhart's House*

*Reinhart* is denouncing *Amelia* for her supposed crime, and finally decides to kill her. She begs to be allowed to embrace her child once more, and her husband consenting, she goes out.

## Morrò ma prima in grazia (I Die, Yet First Implore Thee)

**By Johanna Gadski** (*In Italian*) **88497 12-inch, $3.00**

Left alone, the unhappy man repents his resolution, and resolves to spare the guilty woman's life. In the greatest of the airs allotted to *Reinhart* he swears to avenge his wrongs.

## Eri tu che macchiavi quell'anima (Is It Thou?)

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| **By Emilio de Gogorza** | (*In Italian*) | **88324** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Pasquale Amato** | (*In Italian*) | **88464** | **12-inch,** | **3.00** |
| **By Titta Ruffo** | (*In Italian*) | **88544** | **12-inch,** | **3.00** |
| **By Mattia Battistini** | (*In Italian*) | **92044** | **12-inch,** | **3.00** |
| **By Francesco Cigada** | (*In Italian*) | ***35179** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| **By Giuseppe de Luca** | (*In Italian*) | ***62086** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |

*Samuel* and *Tom* enter and *Reinhart* tells them he knows of their plots, and will assist them, as he desires the Governor's death. They draw lots, and *Reinhart* is chosen to be the assassin. *Amelia* enters in time to realize the state of affairs, and is about to plead for the Governor's life, when *Oscar,* the page, enters bearing an invitation to the Masked Ball. The page, beginning an effective quartet, tells of the brilliancy of the occasion, and at the close of the number the conspirators go out, after agreeing on the password "Death!"

COPY'T MISHKIN

ZEROLA AS RICHARD

## Di che fulgor (What Dazzling Light)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Francesco Cigada, Carlo Ottoboni and Maria Grisi**
(*In Italian*) ***62086 10-inch, $0.75**

SCENE II—*The Governor's Private Office*

*Richard,* alone, resolves to tear the unworthy love from his heart and send *Amelia* and *Reinhart* to England.

## Ma se m'é forza perderti—Romanza (Forever to Lose Thee!)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) **88346 12-inch, $3.00**

The recitative indicates this decision:

RICHARD:
Haply I have decided, finding peace of mind
Reinhart will return to his country,
His wife, submissive, will follow him.
Farewells unspoken, the broad ocean will divide us.

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* *Double-Faced Record—See page 314.*

and writes the order for the departure of *Reinhart.* Concealing it pression once more to his love for the fair *Amelia :*

now
:r:
l fly to thee,
sever.
ied shall be
Within my inmost heart.
And now, what dark forebodings
Around my soul are thronging?
When, once more to behold thee,
Seems like a fatal longing!

ly air with that wonderful ease of delivery and golden voice which :st of tenors.

: to the Governor from an unknown lady who warns him of the to brave his enemies and attend the ball.

SCENE III—*Grand Ballroom in the Governor's House*

*Reinhart,* mingling with the guests, meets the page *Oscar,* and attemps to learn how the Governor is dressed. The page teases him, singing his gay air, *Saper vorreste.*

## Saper vorreste—Canzone (You Would be Hearing)

**By Luisa Tetrazzini** (*In Italian*) **88304 12-inch, $3.00**

In reply to *Reinhart's* questions the merry page tauntingly sings:

OSCAR:
You'd fain be hearing, what dress he's wearing
When he has bidden, the fact be hidden?
I know right well but may not tell
Tra la la la, la la la!
Of love my heart feels all the smart,
Yet watchful ever, my secret never
Rank nor bright eyes shall e'er surprise!
Tra la la la, la la la!

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SCENE FROM MEFISTOFELE—ACT III

(French)
# MEFISTOFELE
(*May-phee-stoh'-feh-leh*)

(English)
# MEPHISTOPHELES
(*Mef-iss-tof'-e-leez*)

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text and music by Arrigo Boïto; a paraphrase of both parts of Goethe's "Faust." The first production at La Scala, Milan, 1868, was a failure. Rewritten and given in 1875 with success. First London production July 6, 1880. First American production at the Academy of Music, November 24, 1880, with Campanini, Cary and Novara. First New Orleans production January 19, 1881, in Italian, and February 17, 1894, in French. Other New York productions were in 1896, with Calvé; in 1889 in German, with Lehmann; and in 1901 with McIntyre, Homer and Plançon; in 1904 with Caruso and Eames; at the Metropolitan, in 1907, for Chaliapine; in 1906 at the Manhattan Opera; the Chicago opera revival for Ruffo; and the recent Metropolitan production with Caruso, Destinn, Hempel and Amato.

KOELISS

FAUST LEAVING HIS STUDIO—ACT I

### Characters

MEFISTOFELE . . . . . Bass
FAUST . . . . . Tenor
MARGARET . . . . . Soprano
MARTHA . . . . . Contralto
WAGNER . . . . . Tenor
HELEN . . . . . Soprano
PANTALIS . . . . . Contralto
NEREUS . . . . . Tenor

Celestial Phalanxes, Mystic Choir, Cherubs, Penitents, Wayfarers, Men-at-arms, Huntsmen, Students, Citizens, Populace, Townsmen, Witches, Wizards, Greek Chorus, Sirens, Naiads, Dancers, Warriors.

ıerves a conspicuous place among the great modern composers. His
: masterpieces of modern Italy, and contains scenes of great beauty,
:, with its lovely music, and the Prison Scene, in which the pathos of
wanderings, the beautiful duet and the frenzy of the finale are
d.

mposer, but a poet of ability and a clever librettist. Notable among
ttos of Verdi's *Otello* and *Falstaff*, which should rather be called
t is unfair to class them with the old-fashioned Italian librettos.

ıpera is directly drawn from Goethe's *Faust*, but the composer has
ıe whole of Goethe's story, not confining himself to the tale of
e episode of *Helen of Troy*. In his *Mefistofele* Boïto has followed the
osely than did Gounod's librettist, and the work is a deeper one in

## PROLOGUE

SCENE—*The Regions of Space*

ɔ's opera is a most impressive scene, which takes place in the indef-
visible angels and cherubim, supported by the celestial trumpets,
r of the Universe.

ıted hovering between Hell and Earth, denying the power of God.
ty in his *Hail, Great Lord!*

### , Sovereign Lord)

:t, Bass (*In Italian*) 64126 10-inch, $1.00

hat man is but a weakling, easily cheated of his salvation. Standing
on a cloud *Mefistofele* mockingly addresses the Creator:

Hail, Sovereign Lord,
Forgive me if my bawling
Somewhat behind is falling
Those sublime anthems sung

## ACT I

### SCENE I—*A Square in Frankfort—Easter Sunday*

The aged philosopher, *Faust*, and his pupil *Wagner*, while mingling with the crowd, observe a grey *Friar* who seems to be shadowing their movements. *Faust* is alarmed and says to *Wagner:*

FAUST: Observe him closely. Tell me, who is he?
WAGNER: Some lowly Friar, who begs alms from those he passes.
FAUST: Look more closely. He moves slowly on in lessening circles; and with each spiral, comes ever nearer and nearer. Oh! as I gaze, I see his footprints marked in fire!
WAGNER: No, master, 'tis some idle fancy that thy brain deceives thee; I only see there a poor grey friar. Timidly he ventures to approach us, and we are to him but two passing strangers.
FAUST: Now he seems as though he wove nets about our path. His circles grow smaller! He draweth close! Ah!
WAGNER (*carelessly*): Look calmly. 'Tis a grey friar, and not a specter. Muttering his prayers, he tells his beads as he journeys. Come hence, good master.

As they leave the square, followed by the *Friar*, the scene changes to *Faust's* laboratory.

### SCENE II—*The Studio of Faust. It is Night*

*Faust* enters, not observing that the *Friar* slips in behind him, and conceals himself in an alcove. The aged philosopher delivers his soliloquy, *Dai campi*.

## Dai campi, dai prati (From the Green Fields)

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| By John McCormack, Tenor | | (*In Italian*) | 64303 | 10-inch, | $1.00 |
| By Alberto Amadi, Tenor | (*Double-Faced*) | (*In Italian*) | 63313 | 10-inch, | .75 |

He speaks of his deep contentment, his love for God and his fellow-man.

FAUST:
From the meadows, from the valleys, which lie bathed in moonlight,
And where paths silent sleep, I come returning; my soul filled
With calmness, mysterious and deep,
The passions, the heart rudely trying,
In quiet oblivion are lying;
My spirit knows only its love for its fellows;
Its love for its God!
Ah! From the meadows, from the valleys,
I come to read the blest Evangels;
Who delight me, and fill me with holy fire!
(*Opens a Bible placed upon a high reading desk. As he begins to meditate he is startled by a cry from the Friar in the alcove.*)

This is one of the most beautiful of all Italian operatic airs, and is sung by Mr. McCormack with a loveliness of tone which makes every note a delight, while a black label rendition, and an excellent one, is furnished by Mr. Amadi.

The *Friar* appears, and throwing off his disguise, reveals himself as the Devil, offering to be *Faust's* servant if he will accompany him. "What is the price?" asks the philosopher. "Up here I will obey thee," says *Mefistofele*, "but below our places will be reversed." *Faust* says he cares nothing for the future, and if *Mefistofele* can give him but one hour of happiness, for that one hour he would sell his soul.

FAUST:
About the future, not a thought do I give.
If thou dost bring me one hour
Of peace and quiet, in which may rest my spirit;
If thou wilt myself and the world unveil before me;
If I should haply say to the moment flying:
"Stay thee, for thou art blissful!"
Ah! let me die then,
And let hell there engulf me!

The bargain is made and they set forth on their adventures.

## ACT II

### SCENE—*The Garden of Margaret*

*Faust* (now a handsome young man known as *Henry*) is strolling in the garden with *Margaret*, while *Mefistofele*, as in Gounod's version, makes sarcastic love to *Martha*, whom Boïto has pictured as *Margaret's* mother. *Faust* pleads for a meeting alone with the maiden, but she dares not consent because her mother sleeps lightly. He gives her a sleeping draught, assuring her that it will not harm her mother, but merely cause her to sleep soundly. The four then sing a fine quartet, and the scene suddenly changes to the Brocken.

NOTE—Mefistofele quotations are from the Ditson libretto, by permission. (Copy't 1880, Oliver Ditson Company)

: *Summit of the Brocken*

vild spot in the Brocken moun-
wind is whistling in weird gusts.
to climb the jagged rocks, from
ıen dart forth. Will-o'-the-wisps
*ust* welcomes them, grateful for

## 5prites of Hades)

**sueto, and Chorus**
*'alian*) **87067 10-inch, $2.00**

, ever urging him to climb onward.

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to Satan's abode!
the ascent grows steeper,
and higher!

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so bright,
ray, to illumine our way.
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FARRAR AND MARTIN IN ACT II

Arriving at the summit, *Mefistofele* summons the infernal host—demons, witches, wizards, goblins, imps—and

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MELBA AS HELEN

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Gennaro de Tura, Tenor (*In Italian*)**
**87056 10-inch, $2.00**

MARGARET AND FAUST:

Away, far from strife and commotion,
O'er waves of a wide-spreading ocean,
'Mid perfumes exhaled by the sea,
'Mid palm trees and flow'rs in profusion,
The portal of peace and seclusion,
The blue isle seems waiting for me.
There, skies in their beauty transcendent,
Seem girt with a rainbow resplendent,
Reflecting the sun's loving smile.
The flight of all hearts that are loving,
And hopeful and moving and roving,
Is turned towards that life-giving island.
Away to that island far distant!

The return of *Mefistofele* drives *Margaret* into a frenzy, and she refuses to leave the prison, finally falling into *Faust's* arms in her death agony. Her senses returning for a brief period, she forgives him and dies, while a chorus of celestial beings announce that her soul is saved. *Faust* and *Mefistofele* disappear just as the headsman and jailers come to conduct *Margaret* to execution.

## ACT IV

### *The Night of the Classical Sabbath*

We are now transported to distant Greece, where *Mefistofele* has resurrected

She raves of the cruel jailors, whom she says threw her babe into the ocean and now accuse her of the crime.

MARGARET:

To the sea, O night of sadness!
They my babe took and in it threw him!
Now to drive me on to madness,
They declare 'twas I that slew him!
Cold the air is, the dark cell narrow,
And my spirit broken to-day,
Like the timid woodland sparrow,
Longs to fly; ah, to fly off, far, far away,
Father, pity me!
In a deathly slumber falling,
Died my mother, no aid could save her;
And to crown the woe appalling,
They declare I poison gave her!

*Mefistofele* now enters, followed by *Faust*, who begs the demon to save *Margaret*. The fiend reminds *Faust* that it is his own fault, but promises to try, and goes out.

*Faust* goes to *Margaret*, who does not know him and is frightened, thinking her jailers have come for her. He urges her to fly with him, and they sing a tender duet, *Far Away*.

## Lontano, lontano (Away From All Strife)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano, and Edmond Clement, Tenor (*Italian*) 88422 12-in., $3.00**

KEELING

MARGARET GOING TO EXECUTION

for the further temptation of *Faust*. The scene shows an enchanting Peneus, with the moon shedding a golden light upon *Helen*, *Pantalis* *Helen* begins her enchanting ode to the moon, followed by the trio.

**—La luna immobile (Moon Immovable!)**

**prano; Lavin de Casas, Mezzo-Soprano; Gaetano**

**enor** *(In Italian)* **87068 10-inch, $2.00**

enter and the former soon forgets all else in the love of the fair ever, feels out of place in this classic neighborhood, and leaving *Faust* rns to the Brocken, where he amuses himself with his satanic crew.

(German) (English)

# DIE MEISTERSINGER THE MASTERSINGERS

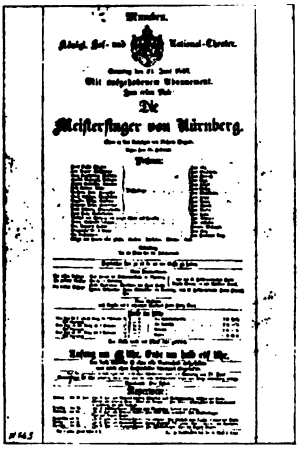
*(Dee Mī'-ster-zinger)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Both text and music of *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* are by Wagner. The idea of the opera was suggested to the composer in boyhood, as was Tannhäuser, by the reading of one of Hoffmann's novels, and was planned as a kind of burlesque of the *Minnesinger* contest in Tannhäuser. First production in Munich, June 21, 1868, with Franz Nachbaur, under the direction of Von Bülow. Vienna first heard the opera in 1870; Berlin the same year; Leipsic in 1872, and Milan 1890.

The first performance in England took place under Richter, at Drury Lane, May 30, 1882; an Italian version was given at Covent Garden, July 13, 1889, and an English production by the Carl Rosa Company at Manchester, April 16, 1896.

In 1888 it was given for the first time at Bayreuth; and the first American production took place at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, January 4, 1886, with Fischer, Staudigl, Kemlitz, Krämer, Aguste Krauss and Marianne Brandt. Some notable American performances occurred in 1901, with de Reszke, Gadski, Schumann-Heink, Dippel and Bispham; in 1905, with Van Rooy, Mme. Aino Acte and Burgstaller.


Die
Meistersinger von Nürnberg.

FIRST PROGRAM OF MEISTERSINGER, MUNICH, 1868

### Characters

| | | |
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| HANS SACHS, cobbler, | Master-Singers... | Bass |
| POGNER, goldsmith, | | Bass |
| VOGELGESANG, furrier, | | Tenor |
| NACHTIGAL, buckle maker, | | Bass |
| BECKMESSER, town clerk, | | Bass |
| KOTHNER, baker, | | Bass |
| ZORN, pewterer, | | Tenor |
| EISSLINGER, grocer, | | Tenor |
| MOSER, tailor, | | Tenor |
| ORTEL, soap boiler, | | Bass |
| SCHWARZ, stocking weaver, | | Bass |
| FOLZ, coppersmith, | | Bass |
| SIR WALTER VON STOLZING, a young Franconian knight | | Tenor |
| DAVID, apprentice to Hans Sachs | | Tenor |
| EVA, Pogner's daughter | | Soprano |
| MAGDALENA, Eva's nurse | | Soprano |
| A NIGHT WATCHMAN | | Bass |

Burghers of all Guilds, Journeymen, Apprentices, Girls and People.

*Scene: Nüremberg in the middle of the sixteenth century.*

OTTO GORITZ AS HANS SACHS

To the opera-going public in general Meistersinger is the most entertaining of all the Wagner operas. Its gaiety and tunefulness are charming, and its story easily understood by an audience, which cannot be said of most of the works by the master.

The humor is essentially German,—an intermingling of playfulness, satire, practical jokes, and underneath all something of seriousness and even sadness, while the romantic element, provided by the lovers, *Eva* and *Walter*, is not lacking.

The opera is a satire on the musical methods of the days of the Reformation, the mediæval burgher's life in Nuremberg being pictured with a master hand. The loves of *Walter* and *Eva;* the noble philosophy of *Sachs*, the cobbler-poet; the envy of the ridicu-

WALTER'S TRIAL—ACT I

lous *Beckmesser;* and the youthful frolics of *David*—all are surrounded by some of the most glorious music imaginable.

The first act opens in St. Catherine's Church at Nuremberg, where *Eva*, daughter of the wealthy goldsmith *Pogner*, and *Walter*, a young knight, meet and fall in love. When *Walter* learns that *Eva's* hand has been promised by her father to the winner of the song contest, he resolves to compete, and remains for the examination before the meeting of Mastersingers. *Beckmesser*, who also wishes to marry *Eva*, is chosen marker, and under the rigid rules of the order gives *Walter* so many bad marks that he is rejected in spite of the influence of *Hans Sachs* in his favor.

Act II shows a street, with the houses of *Hans Sachs* and *Pogner* on opposite sides. The apprentices, who are putting up the shutters, plague *David* on his affection for *Magdalena*, *Eva's* nurse. *Sachs* drives them away and sends *David* to bed, then sits down in his doorway and soliloquizes. He cannot forget the song which *Walter* delivered before the Mastersingers,—its beauty haunts him.

SACHS:
The elder's scent is waxing
So mild, so full and strong!
Its charm my limbs relaxing:
Words unto my lips would throng.
But I'd better stick to my leather
And let all this poetry be!
(*He tries again to work.*)
And yet—it haunts me still.
I feel, but comprehend ill;
Cannot forget it,—and yet cannot grasp it;
I measure it not, e'en when I clasp it.
It seemed so old, yet new in its chime,—
Like songs of birds in sweet May-time:—
Spring's command
And gentle hand
His soul with this did entrust:
He sang because he must!

DAVID: "Forgive me, Master, and pardon the slip!"

*Eva* now learns of *Walter's* rejection and is so indignant that she promises to elope with him. The lovers are interrupted and forced to hide by *Beckmesser*, who comes beneath *Eva's* window for the double purpose of serenading her and rehearsing the song he is to sing for the prize on the morrow. *Hans Sachs*, hearing the tinkling of the lute, peeps out, and just as *Beckmesser* begins to sing *Sachs* breaks out into a jolly folk-song.

SACHS:
Tooral looral!
Tiddy fol de rol!
Oho! Tralala! Oho!
When mother Eve from Paradise
Was by the Almighty driven,
Her naked feet so small and nice,
By stones were sorely riven!

*Beckmesser* is greatly annoyed and says *Sachs* must be drunk. After a long altercation with the cobbler, *Beckmesser* finally starts his song, but as *Sachs* continues to hammer on his shoe at each mistake or wrong accent, *Beckmesser* gets badly mixed, and delivers himself of this doggerel:

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By her loved father,
At *his* wish rather,
To *be* wed *doth* go in.
The bold man who
Would come and view,
May see the maiden there so true,
On whom my hopes I firmly glue,
There*fore* is the sky *so* bright blue,
As I said to begin.

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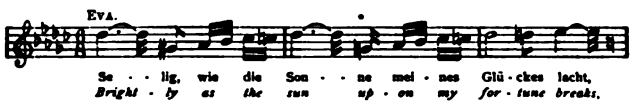
LANDE

SCENE OF ACT II



BECKMESSER'S SERENADE

In the rapture of her new-found love she sings of the Prize Song:

EVA:
In this sweet and holy strain
Lies a secret hidden;
Stilling all the welcome pain
That fills my heart unbidden;

MAGDALENA AND DAVID (*bewildered*):
Am I awake or dreaming still?

WALTER (*tenderly to Eva*):
Is it still the morning dream?
Dare I try to rede its theme?
But this strain, tho' whispered here,
Will greet thine ear loud and clear,
'Mid the Master's guild shall rise,
There to win the highest prize!

HANS SACHS (*with deep emotion*):
To the maid I fain would sing
Of my secret hidden;
But to tell my heart's sweet pain,
Now it is forbidden!

SCENE II—*A Field on the Shores of the River Pegnitz*

The scene suddenly changes to an open meadow on the banks of the Pegnitz, where the contest is to be held. The spectacle is a brilliant one, with gaily decorated boats discharging the various Guilds, with the wives and families of the members. It is in this scene that the famous March of the Guilds is played. A fine rendition of this number has been given by Sousa's Band.

## March of the Guilds

**By Sousa's Band** (*Double-faced, see page 328*) **35044 12-inch, $1.25**

The Mastersingers now arrange their procession and march to take their places on the platform.

COPY'T DUPONT GADSKI AS EVA

When all are assembled, *Sachs* rises, and in a noble address states the terms of the contest.

A Master, noble, rich and wise,
Will prove you this with pleasure:
His only child, the highest prize
With all his wealth and treasure,
He offers as inducement strong
To him who in the art of song
Before the people here
As victor shall appear.
This crown's of worth infinite,
And ne'er in recent days or olden,
By any hand so highly holden,
As by this maiden tender:
Good fortune may it lend her!
(*Great stir among all present. Sachs goes up to Pogner, who presses his hand, deeply moved.*)

*Beckmesser*, who is in an awful state with his efforts to commit *Walter's* song to memory, wipes his heated brow and begins. He confuses his old melody with the new one, loses his place, mixes his lines, and is forced by the laughter of the people to stop. In a towering rage he accuses *Sachs* of plotting his defeat, then flings down the song and rushes off. *Sachs* calmly picks up the scroll and remarks that the song is a very fine one, but that it must be rendered properly. The Mastersingers accuse him of joking, but he declares:

SACHS: I tell you, sirs, the work is fine;
But it is easy to divine
That Beckmesser has sung it wrong.
I swear, though, you will like the song
When someone rehearses
The rightful tune and verses.
And he who does will thus make known
That he composed them, clearly;
A Master's name, too, he should own
Were he but judged sincerely.
I am accused and must defend:
A witness let me bid attend!
Is there one here who knows I'm right,
Let him appear before our sight.
(*Walter advances amid a general stir.*)

THE MASTERS: Ah, Sachs! You're very sly indeed!—
But you may for this once proceed.

SACHS: It shows our rules are of excellence rare
If now and then exceptions they'll bear.

PEOPLE: A noble witness proud and bold!
Methinks he should some good unfold.

SACHS: Masters and people all agree
To give my witness liberty.
Sir Walter von Stolzing, sing the song!
You, Masters, see if he goes wrong.

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HOMER AS MAGDALENA

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FISCHER AS SACHS IN FIRST AMERICAN PRODUCTION, 1886

The Mastersingers agree that *Walter* may attempt the air, and he mounts the platform and sings the noble *Prize Song*.

## Preislied (Prize Song)

**By Evan Williams**
(*In English*) **74115** **12-inch, $1.50**

**By Mischa Elman, Violinist**
**74186** **12-inch, 1.50**

**By Lambert Murphy, Tenor**
(*In German*) **70080** **12-inch, 1.25**

**By Sousa's Band** (*Double-faced, see page 328*)
**35044** **12-inch, 1.25**

**By Victor Sorlin, 'Cellist** (*Double-faced, see page 328*) **35111** **12-inch, 1.25**

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And there beneath a laurel tree,
With starlight glinting under,
In waking vision greeted me
A sweet and solemn wonder;
She dropped on me the fountain's dews,
That woman fair—
Parnassus's glorious Muse.

(*With great exaltation*):
Thrice happy day,
To which my poet's trance gave place!
That Paradise of which I dreamed,
In radiance before my face
Glorified lay.
To point the path the brooklet streamed:
She stood beside me,
Who shall my bride be,
The fairest sight earth ever gave,
My Muse, to whom I bow,
So angel—sweet and grave.
I woo her boldly now,
Before the world remaining,
By might of music gaining
Parnassus and Paradise.

PEOPLE (*accompanying the close, very softly*):
I feel as in a lovely dream,
Hearing but grasping not the theme!
Give him the prize!

MASTERS:
Yes, glorious singer! Victor, rise!
Your song has won the Master-prize!

*Eva,* who has listened with rapt attention, now advances to the edge of the platform and places on the

(French)

# MIGNON

(*Meen-yohn'*)

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Barbier and Carre, based upon Goethe's *Wilhelm Meister.* Thomas. First production at the *Opéra Comique,* Paris, November 17, Drury Lane, 1870. First New York production November 22, 1872, and Capoul. Revived at the Metropolitan in 1900, with de Lussan, Plançon; by Oscar Hammerstein in 1907, with Bressler-Gianoli, Pinkert, and at the Metropolitan in 1908, with Farrar, Jacoby, Abott, Plançon a work is among the most popular of all operas in Germany, and duri 1910 was given nearly three thousand presentations.

### Characters of the Drama

MIGNON, a young girl stolen by gypsies . . . . . M
FILINA, (*Fil-lee'-nah*) an actress . . . . . .
FREDERICK, a young nobleman . . . . . .
WILHELM MEISTER, a student . . . . . .
LAERTES, (*Layr'-teez*) an actor . . . . . .
LOTHARIO, (*Loh-thah'-ree-oh*) an Italian nobleman . . . . . E
GIARNO, (*Jahr'-noh*) a gypsy . . . . . .
Townsfolk, Peasants, Gypsies, Actors and Actresses

*The scene of Acts I and II is laid in Germany; of Act III in*

## Overture to Mignon

{Part I / Part II} By La Scala Orchestra } 6802
By Pryor's Band (*Condensed*) 3133

The overture is full of the grace and delicacy for which Thomas' music is celebrated, and contains the principal themes, notably *Filina's* dashing "Polonaise." The Pryor record is a fine example of the perfection attained in the playing of this organization. Every detail of the wonderful instrumentation which Thomas has written, and especially the passages for the wood-wind, is clearly brought out. A fine orchestral rendition by the La Scala players, in two parts, is also offered.

COPY'T DUPONT

FARRAR

### ACT I

SCENE—*Courtyard of a German Inn*

*Mignon,* a daughter of noble parents, was stolen when a child by gypsies, and as the act opens is a girl of seventeen, forced to dance in the public streets by the brutal *Giarno,* chief of the gypsy band.

The first scene shows the courtyard of a German inn, where townspeople and travelers are drinking. After the vigorous opening chorus, sung here by the La Scala forces, *Lothario,* a wandering minstrel, enters and sings, accompanying himself on his harp.

## Opening Chorus and Solo, "Fuggitivo e tremante" (A Lonely Wanderer)

By Perelló de Segurola, Bass, and La Scala Chorus
(*In Italian*) *55004 12-inch, $1.50

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 335.*

## Fuggitivo e tremante (A Lonely Wanderer)

**By Cesare Preve, Bass** (*In Italian*) ***62650 10-inch, $0.75**

The minstrel is in reality *Mignon's* father, whose mind was affected by his daughter's abduction, and he wanders about seeking her.

LOTHARIO: A lonely wanderer am I! I stray from door to door,
As fate doth guide, or as the storm doth hurry me.
Far, far I'll roam in search of *her!*

The gypsy band appears and *Mignon* is ordered to dance by *Giarno*, who threatens her with his stick when she wearily refuses. *Wilhelm*, a young student, protects her from the gypsy and questions her about her parents. She remembers but little, but tells him of her impression of home in this lovely *Connais-tu le pays*, full of tender beauty.

## Connais-tu le pays? (Knowest Thou the Land?)
## Kennst du das Land? Non conosci il bel suol?

(French) (English) (German) (Italian)

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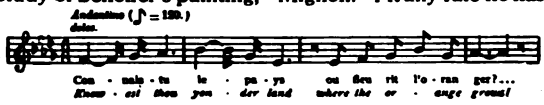
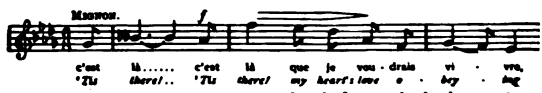
| By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano | (*In French*) | 88098 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Contralto | (*In German*) | 88090 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Geraldine Farrar and Fritz Kreisler | (*In French*) | 88538 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano | (*In French*) | 88211 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Emmy Destinn, Soprano | (*In German*) | 88467 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Emmy Destinn, Soprano | (*In German*) | 91083 | 10-inch, | 2.00 |
| By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | *35178 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

Seven records of this beautiful air, by five famous singers, are listed here.

This air is one of the happiest inspirations of the composer. It is said that much of its charm comes from Thomas' intimate study of Scheffer's painting, "Mignon." At any rate he has caught the inner sense of Goethe's poem and has expressed it in exquisite tones. The opening passage:




gives us an idea of the melody, one of the most beautiful in the entire range of opera. The passionate longing of the orphan child for her childhood home is effectively expressed in this superb climax:




in which *Mignon* seems to pour forth her whole heart in a flood of emotion. The words are most beautiful ones.

COPY'T DUPONT ABOTT AS FILINA

**Knowest Thou the Land?**

MIGNON:
Knowest thou yonder land where the orange grows,
Where the fruit is of gold, and so fair the rose?
Where the breeze gently wafts the song of birds,
Where the season round is mild as lover's words?
Where so calm and so soft, like Heaven's blessing true,
Spring eternally reigns, with the skies ever blue?
Alas, why afar am I straying, why ever linger here?
'Tis with thee I would fly!
'Tis there! 'Tis there! my heart's love obeying,
'Twere bliss to live and die!
'Tis there my heart's love obeying,
I'd live, I would die!

*Wilhelm*, full of pity for the helpless girl, offers *Giarno* a sum of money to release her, and goes into the inn to complete the bargain. *Lothario* comes to *Mignon* to bid her farewell, saying he must go south, following the swallows.

Then occurs the beautiful "Swallow Duet," one of the gems of the opera.

## Les Hirondelles (Song of the Swallows)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano; Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In French*) **89038 12-inch, $4.00**

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 335.*

MIGNON: (*accompanying herself on the harp*):
Oh swallows gay and blithe,
Ye joy of every land,
Unfold your gentle wings,
Speed quickly on your way!

LOTHARIO:
The harp, touched by her gentle hand
A melancholy sound mysteriously gives forth.

MIGNON:
Ye blithe and gentle swallows,
Unfold your nimble wings;
Quick, hasten to the land
Where winter never reigns.
Thrice happy bird, thrice happy bird,
Who first the wished-for good
Right joyously shall reach.

The effectiveness of Thomas' exquisite score depends very much on the perfection of its rendering; and this is especially true of the first act music—the *Connais-tu, Lothario's* song, and this serene and beautiful duet, given so charmingly here.

Very little need be said about Miss Farrar's familiar impersonation of *Mignon.* It is always delightful, both to eye and ear. Journet sings the music of *Lothario* with dignity and beauty of voice; while Farrar's every note is exquisite in its loveliness.



*Wilhelm* is now invited to go to the Castle of *Prince Tieffenbach* with the troupe of players, headed by the lovely *Filina,* who has observed the handsome student

He hesitates, thinking of *Mignon,* but she begs to be allowed to d as a servant.

-hase me—

## ACT II

### SCENE I—*A Boudoir in Tieffenbach Castle*

Act II represents a room in the Prince's castle. *Filina* is seated in front of her toilet table, musing on the handsome *Wilhelm*, who has made a deep impression on her somewhat volatile affections. *Wilhelm* enters with *Mignon*, who meets with a cool reception from the gay actress. *Wilhelm* makes love to *Filina* while *Mignon* watches them with a sad heart, as she has learned to love her new master. When left alone, she tries by the aid of *Filina's* rouge to make her complexion as beautiful as that of the actress who has dazzled her master, and, noting the effect in the glass, sings a gay song with an odd refrain, called by the composer "Styrienne."

## Styrienne, "Je connais" (I Know a Poor Maiden)

**By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano** (*In French*) **88152 12-inch, $3.00**

MIGNON:
Well I know a poor young child,
A sad young child of Bohemia,
On whose pale sunken cheeks joy ne'er rested,
Ah! ah! ah! ah! what a dull story!
I cannot leave the glass,
So much improved I'm seeming,
Am I the same, or dreaming?
Ah! la la.
(*Looking in the glass*):
Am I still Mignon?
Can it be Mignon that I see?
One fine day, the child in play,
A stratagem boldly trying,
To the master's good pleasure applying,
Ah! ah! ah! what a foolish story!
I fain would turn away,
But so improved am seeming,
Am I the same, or dreaming?
Ah! Ah! la la
Am I still Mignon?
No! no! 'tis I no longer!
But then! 'tis not she either!
Some other secrets she must have her charms to heighten.
(*Opens the door of the dressing room*):
Is it not there she keeps her gayest dresses?
Yes! alas! were I Filina, would he love me as well?
What idle folly!
'Tis a demon now tempts me!

(From the Ditson score. Copy't 1880.)

*Mignon* now goes into the closet, and after *Wilhelm* has returned makes her appearance in one of *Filina's* dresses. He tells her in a beautiful air that he must leave her.

## Addio, Mignon (Farewell, Mignon)

**By M. Régis, Tenor** (*In French*) ***45023 10-inch, $1.00**
**By Emilio Perea, Tenor** (*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*) ***63420 10-inch, .75**

*Mignon* utters a cry of grief and begins to weep, while *Wilhelm* tenderly says:

WILHELM:
Farewell, Mignon, take heart!
Thy tears restrain!
In the bright years of youth no grief doth linger long.
Weep not, Mignon!
O'er thee just Heaven will watch with fost'ring care.
Oh, may'st thou thy dear native land once more regain!
May fortune on thy fate henceforth benignly smile!
It pains me much to leave thee: my stricken heart
With thy lone destiny will ever sympathize!
Farewell, Mignon, take heart!
Then dry thy tears.

VAN ENDERT AS MIGNON

*Mignon* refuses money which he offers her, and is about to bid him farewell when *Filina* enters, and seeing *Mignon* in one of her own dresses, eyes her with sarcastic amusement, which puts *Mignon* into a jealous rage and she rushes into the cabinet, tears off the borrowed finery and puts on her gypsy garments.

### SCENE II—*The Gardens of the Castle*

The scene changes to the park of the castle. *Mignon*, in despair, attempts to throw herself into the lake, but is prevented

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 335.*

ı her. In a fit of jealousy she wishes that
: castle in which *Filina* had won her
*thario* is puzzled by this and goes off

ıs now issue from the castle proclaiming
*Filina*. In the flush of her triumph she
: or *polacca* (French, *Polonaise*), one of the
of all soprano airs.

THE LATE BRESSLER-GIANOLA AS MIGNON

## ı Titania" (I'm Fair

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| **ini, Soprano** (*In Italian*) | **88296** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **uguet, Soprano** (*In Italian*) | ***35178** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |
| **ıff, Soprano** (*In French*) | ***45006** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |

**Io son Titania**

(*Behold Titania!*)

divine, Filina!
ye lay our hearts and our flowers!
ı, what beauties are hers!
ccess! Bravo! Honor to Titania!

queen of the fairies!
:eptre bright,
*ich she holds in her*

Like the bird that freely wings its flight.
Fairies dance around me,
Elfin sprites on nimble toe around me gaily
dance.

LOTHARIO:
I've soothed the throbbing of her aching heart,
And to her lips the smile I have restored.
Her weary eyes at last have closed
In gentle slumber;
By day and night some heav'nly spirit
The maiden doth protect;
On wings celestial, it doth hover round
Protecting her from harm!

*Wilhelm* takes *Lothario's* place as watcher, and tells of his new-found affection in a beautiful air.

## Elle ne croyait pas (Pure as a Flower)

**By M. Regis, Tenor** (*In French*) ***45023 10-inch, $1.00**

WILHELM:
In soothing yon poor, hapless maiden
At last I have discovered her secret;
From her sweet lips my name escaped!
Ah! little thought the maid,
In innocence arrayed,
What she in her breast had nurtured,
Would ardent love become,
And thus pervert the peaceful current
Of her peaceful life.
Oh balmy April,
Who to the wither'd flowers restoreth their colors,
Kiss her fair cheek,
And a grateful sigh of love cause to escape!

*Mignon* now comes with feeble step on the balcony, and seeing *Wilhelm*, is much agitated. He endeavors to soothe her, but she insists that only *Lothario* loves her. *Lothario* now enters, and announces that he is the *Count Lothario*, having been restored to his right mind by the familiar scenes of his ancestral home. He shows them the jewels and prayer book of his lost daughter, and tells them her name was *Sperata*. *Mignon* starts at the name and murmurs:

Ah, that sweet name to my ear is familiar,
A memory of my childhood
It may be, that's gone forever!

She then begins to read from the book a little prayer, but soon drops the book and continues from memory, her hands clasped and her eyes raised to Heaven. *Lothario* is much agitated and when she has finished, recognizes her as his lost daughter. Father and daughter are reunited, while a blessing is bestowed on the young people by the happy *Lothario*.

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS MIGNON RECORDS

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| Gems from Mignon By the Victor Light Opera Co<br>"Away Ye Friends"—"Polonaise"—Barcarolle, "Now On We Sail"—"Pure as a Flower"—"Dost Thou Know"—"Finale"<br>*Gems from Tales of Hoffman By Victor Light Opera Co* | 35337 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| Opening Chorus and Solo, "Fuggitivo e tremante"<br>By Andrea Perelló de Segurola, Bass, and La Scala Chorus<br>Ninna nanna By Gaudio Mansueto, Bass | 55004 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| Preludio, Parte 1a (Overture, Part 1) La Scala Orchestra<br>Preludio, Parte 2a (Overture, Part 2) La Scala Orchestra | 68025 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Polonese—Io son Titania! (I'm Fair Titania!)<br>By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (*In Italian*)<br>Non conosci il bel suol? (Dost Thou Know That Fair Land?) By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (*In Italian*) | 35178 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Polonaise—Io son Titania!<br>By Mlle. Korsoff, Soprano (*In French*)<br>*Lakmé—Pourquoi dans les grands bois*<br>*By Alice Verlet, Soprano (In French)* | 45006 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| Adieu, Mignon, Courage (Farewell, Mignon)<br>By M. Regis, Tenor (*In French*)<br>Elle ne croyait pas (Pure as a Flower)<br>By M. Regis, Tenor (*In French*) | 45023 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| Fuggitivo e tremante (A Lonely Wanderer)<br>By Cesare Preve, Bass<br>Ninna nanna (Cradle Song) By Cesare Preve, Bass | 62650 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Gavotte By Maud Powell, Violinist | 64454 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| Gavotte By Victor String Quartet<br>*Norma Selection (Bellini) By Pryor's Band* | 16323 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Addio, Mignon (Farewell, Mignon)<br>By Emilio Perea, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>*Stelle d'Oro—Romanza By Silvano Isalberti, Tenor (In Italian)* | 63420 | 10-inch, | .75 |

** Double-Faced Record—See above list.*

SCENE FROM MIKADO

THE MIKADO

GILBERT

It is beginning to be recognized that the Gilbert and Sullivan operas are pure English classics—not in the sense of being dull—but because they are national, and possess those qualities which will cause them in the future to be valued equally with the Comedies of Shakespeare. The *Mikado* is undoubtedly the greatest of these, and curiously enough it was this opera which first anticipated the rise of Modern Japan, although the characters portrayed are by no means Japs, but ourselves —in a very thin disguise.

SULLIVAN

This charming travesty of Japan has been the greatest popular favorite of all comic operas since its original production in the eighties. The story is so generally known that a brief outline of the plot is all that is necessary here.

*Nanki-Poo* is in love with *Yum-Yum*, who is betrothed to her guardian, *Ko-Ko*, Lord High Executioner. *Poo-Bah*, "retailer of state secrets at a low figure," tells *Nanki-Poo* of his sweetheart's betrothal to another, but the young man secures an interview with *Yum-Yum* and confesses he is the *Mikado's* son, disguised in the hope of escaping punishment for his

POOH BAH, PITTI-SING, KO-KO, MIKADO AND KATISHA

refusal to marry *Katisha*. *Ko-Ko* receives a message from the *Mikado*, telling him he must see that some one in Titipu is beheaded within the month or he will lose his position, which message interferes with the Lord High Executioner's matrimonial arrangements. *Nanki-Poo* agrees to sacrifice himself if he may marry *Yum-Yum* and have her with him during the intervening month. This is agreed to and the wedding plans are made.

At the opening of the second act *Yum-Yum* is preparing for the ceremony. While talking with *Nanki-Poo* she is interrupted by *Ko-Ko*, who tells her that according to the law, when a married man is executed his wife is burned alive. This news cools *Yum-Yum's* ardor, but *Nanki-Poo*, to save her, swears that he will that day perform the Happy Dispatch or hari-kari. As this would be dangerous for *Ko-Ko*, he promises in alarm to swear falsely to the execution of *Nanki-Poo*.

The *Mikado* now arrives and *Ko-Ko* tells him the execution has taken place, but the *Mikado*, on learning who the victim is, flies into a rage and says he has beheaded the heir to the throne, and must himself suffer torture for his act. However, *Nanki-Poo* opportunely appears and *Ko-Ko* gains his pardon by marrying *Katisha*, while *Yum-Yum* and *Nanki-Poo* are happily united.

rds by the Victor opera forces are offered, containing no less than numbers, admirably sung and grouped in a most attractive man- st has given the dainty *Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day*, one of nples of the *Madrigale* in existence, and Miss Romaine the charming *Moon and I*, which she sings exquisitely.

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## ED AND MISCELLANEOUS MIKADO RECORDS

### kado"—Part I

Lord High Executioner"—"The Flowers that Bloom in the Little Maids"—"Tit Willow"—"He's Gone and Married ith Joyous Shout"

y the Victor Light Opera Company 31789 12-inch, $1.00

### kado"—Part II

of Japan"—"A Song of the Sea"—"Three Little Maids from Song"—"Emperor of Japan"—"My Object all Sublime"—

y the Victor Light Opera Company 31881 12-inch, 1.00

he Moon and I (Act III)
By Margaret Romaine, Soprano 60122 10-inch, .75

Dawns Our Wedding Day
By the Lyric Quartet 17226 10-inch, .75

SCENE FROM MIREILLE

(French)
# MIREILLE
(*Mih-ray'-yeh*)

(English)
# MIRELLA
(*Mih-rel'-lah*)

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

Words by M. Carré, from *Mirèio*, Provençal poem by Mistral; music by Gounod. First version given at Saint Rémy-de-Provence, under the direction of the composer, in 1863. Produced in Paris March 19, 1864. Reduced to three acts, with the addition of the waltz, and reproduced December 15, 1864. In London, in Italian with five acts, as Mirella, July 5, 1864. The first performance in America of which the editor has a record was at New Orleans, January 29, 1885, in Italian. April 23, 1885, given at the Academy of Music, New York, with Patti in the cast.

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### Cast

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| RAMON, a rich farmer | Bass |
| MIRELLA, his daughter | Soprano |
| AMBROISE | Bass |
| VINCENT, his children | Tenor |
| VINCENETTE, his children | Mezzo-Soprano |
| TAVENA, a fortune-teller | Contralto |
| OURRIAS, a bull tamer | Baritone |

Peasants and People; Pilgrims.

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*Mirella*, which came later than *Faust* in order of production, is an example of the more delicate art of Gounod, and the story of the faithfulness of the heroine for her peasant lover is reflected in the music with true Provençal warmth and color.

The librettist took for his subject the pastoral poem *Mirèio*, by the beloved poet of Provence, Frederic Mistral, and Gounod has given it a tuneful setting with much local color, including many folk-songs.

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MIREILLE—ACT I

nent for *Vincent*. She then starts on the long journey across the desert
ne chapel, and on the way meets *Tavena*, who assures her that *Vincent*
r. The journey proves almost too much for the young girl's strength,
arrives at the chapel she is completely exhausted, and faints on the
oon appears and ministers to his fainting love. *Ramon*, who has
, soon appears, and moved to pity by her sad condition, gives his
of the lovers, and all ends happily.

*alse* occurs in the first act, where *Mirella* fancifully appeals to the

THE TEMPLE SCENE (LA SCALA REVIVAL OF 1913)

# NABUCCO, or NABUCODONOSOR

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text by Solera; music by Giuseppe Verdi. First production at La Scala, Milan, March 9, 1842, was a great success and broke all Scala records by reaching sixty-five performances in one season. Produced at Vienna, April 4, 1843; Berlin, 1844; Paris, October 16, 1845; London, in English, as "Nino," at Her Majesty's Theatre, March 3, 1846. In 1900, a year before Verdi's death, the opera was revived in Rome and met with great success. First American production, New York, April 4, 1848. "Nabucco" was the opera selected to open the 1913 season at La Scala, being presented with a sumptuous setting October 1st, two months in advance of the usual time, in honor of the Verdi centenary.

### Characters

NABUCCO, Assyrian king ..... Baritone
FENENA, his daughter ..... Contralto
ABIGAIL, an Amazon ..... Soprano
OROTASPES, Babylonian priest ..... Bass
HYDASPES ..... Tenor

Priests, Couriers, Soldiers and Townspeople

*Time and Place: Babylon; sixth century B. C.*

"Nabucco" (a revision of the original title, "Nabucodonosor") was the third of Verdi's works, and the one which established his reputation in France.

Verdi, in his reminiscences tells interestingly of the writing of this opera. It was at a time when the young composer, discouraged by poverty, illness, and the failure of his first attempts at opera, had resolved to write no more. Merelli, the manager of La Scala, who had agreed to accept all new operas written by Verdi, came to see him and talked kindly to him, saying:

"Listen, Verdi, I cannot oblige you to work by force; still, my confidence in you is undiminished. Who knows but some day you will decide to take up your pen? In that case, it will only be necessary to give me notice two months before the beginning of an operatic season, and I promise you that whatever opera you bring me shall be represented."

These words, however, did not persuade Verdi, but Merelli went on to speak of a new libretto he had just received from Solera.

relli, 'one of Solera's librettos, superb, magnificent, extraordinary; the most grandi-
l of interest, with such beautiful verses, and that beast Nicolai will listen to nothing
story is impossible, and so on. "'Here!' he cried, 'here! look at this; it is Solera's
ject, and to refuse it! Here you are; take it, and read it.' I refused, but he placed
vas a big pamphlet written in big characters, as was the style in those days. I rolled
e' to Merelli, wended my way homewards. I reëntered my house, and with an almost
nanuscript on the table. In falling on the table it had opened itself, and my eyes fell
e me, precisely upon this verse,

'Va pensiero, sull' ali dorate.'

(Fly away, thought, on golden wings.)

ent, I read two fragments, but strong in my resolution to compose no more, I gained
gs, shut up my book, and went to bed. But Nabucco kept running in my head, and
ids. I arose, read the libretto not once or twice, but three times, and so carefully
ew Solera's poem by heart. In spite of this I did not feel disposed to change my
d during the day I went back to the theatre to give Merelli his manuscript. How-
, seized me by the shoulder, and not only briskly put me outside his study, but
locked it in my face.

ne? Nothing but to go home, which I did. I went back with Nabucco in my pocket.
, one day another verse, here a note and there a phrase, and little by little the opera
n in the autumn of '41, and remembering my promise to Merelli, I went to him to
s finished, and that in consequence he could have it performed the forthcoming car-
t La Scala. So, near the end of February, '42, the Nabucco rehearsals began, and
rehearsal, on the 9th of March, the first representation took place.

my artistic career commenced, and even if I had to struggle against innumerable dif-
ain that Nabucco was born under a happy star; even the very things which might
cess by some chance were the very things which happened to be favourable. To
villainous letter to the manager, from which it was highly probable that the said
the young composer to the devil; but just the contrary happened. The old and
ranged with taste, became simply splendid. The old worn-out scenery, touched up
ter, Perrani, produced extraordinary effect; especially on the first representation, the
such an overwhelming enthusiasm, that the public applauded certainly not less than
hearsal we did not even know whether the military band was to come on, or where,
d been very much embarrassed. I indicated a measure to him at rehearsal, and on
me on the stage with such precision in the crescendo that the public burst out into
se I had yet heard." Verdi concludes: "You see, it is not always well to confide
xperience has proven to me the justice of our proverb: "Fidarsi è bene, ma non
t oneself is well, but to distrust oneself is better.)

triumph, and from that day we see Verdi on the road to success.

pal character in this four-act opera, is an ambitious Amazon who has

SCENE—ACT I

# NATOMA

*(Nah-toh'-mah)*

**(The Maid from the Mountains)**

**OPERA IN THREE ACTS**

Text by Joseph D. Redding; music by Victor Herbert. First produced by the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company, at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, February 25, 1911. First New York production February 28, 1911.

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**Characters**

**(With the Cast of the First Performance)**

DON FRANCISCO DE LA GUERRA, a noble Spaniard of the old régime ..... Bass (Huberdeau)
BARBARA, his daughter ..... Soprano (Grenville)
NATOMA, an Indian girl ..... Soprano (Garden)
PAUL MERRILL, Lieutenant of the U. S. Brig "Liberty" .. Tenor (McCormack)
JUAN ALVARADO, a young Spaniard ..... Baritone (Sammarco)
JOSÉ CASTRO, a half-breed ..... Baritone (Preisch)
FATHER PERALTA, Padre of the Mission Church ..... Bass (Dufranne)
PICO, KAGAMA, } Comrades of Castro ..... { Tenor (Crabbé) / Bass (Nicolay)

Chiquita, a dancing girl; Two American Officers; Nuns; Convent Girls; Friars; Soldiers; Spanish Dancers, etc.

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*Scene and Period: California, under the Spanish régime, 1820.*

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Victor Herbert's Natoma treats of one of the most romantic periods of American history, the scene being laid in California in the days of Spanish rule. The opera takes its title from its Indian heroine, and the characters comprise Indians, Spaniards and pioneer Americans. The story centres around *Natoma*, an Indian girl; *Barbara*, the lovely daughter of *Don Francisco de la Guerra*, a noble Spaniard of the old régime; and *Lieut. Paul Merrill*, of the U. S. Navy, who is loved by both *Natoma* and *Barbara*.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Hacienda of Don Francisco on the Island of Santa Cruz*

At the opening of Act I *Don Francisco* is gazing over the waters of the Santa Barbara channel waiting the coming of his daughter *Barbara*, who is leaving the convent at the close of her school days. *Alvarado*, a hot-headed young Spaniard and *Barbara's* cousin, who is anxious to marry the young girl and thus gain control of the vast estates left her by her

AUL MERRILL

mother, is also anxiously waiting her arrival. *Natoma* has met *Lieutenant Paul* and there is already a bond of sympathy between the handsome Indian maiden and the young officer. The two are now seen approaching, the Indian girl innocently telling the young officer that her mistress, *Barbara*, is very beautiful. Suddenly realizing that *Paul* may forget her when he sees *Barbara*, she begs him to let her be his slave. When *Barbara* arrives and meets *Paul* it is a case of love at first sight, and later, when *Alvarado* urges his suit, the young girl haughtily refuses him. In a rage he plots with *Castro*, the half-breed, to carry *Barbara* off to the mountains the next day, when the celebrations in honor of her coming of age are at their height. This plot is overheard by *Natoma*, who is concealed in the arbor. All the guests take their departure, and *Barbara*, alone on the porch in the moonlight, declares her love for *Paul*. The young lieutenant appears and they sing an impassioned love duet. When a light is seen in the hacienda, the young girl, thinking it is her father, urges *Paul* to take his departure, and goes into the hacienda. As the curtain falls *Natoma*, who realizes that her mistress is now her rival, is seen seated alone in the window, gazing out into the night.

## ACT II

*—Plaza in Front of the Mission Church, Santa Barbara*

early morning *Natoma* is singing her "song of fate," and as dawn

and drummers play the national salute. The vaqueros and rancheros arrive, singing of their life on the plains, while the dancing girls join in the revelry. *Pico* sings his stirring *Vaquero's Song*, which in performances of the opera always arouses great enthusiasm, and which is vigorously sung here by Mr. Cartwright, while the melodious chorus is splendidly rendered by the Opera forces.

## Vaquero's Song

By Earl Cartwright, Baritone, and Chorus
(*In English*) 5871 10-inch, $0.60

*Don Francisco* and his daughter appear on horseback, with *Natoma* walking by their side. The guests assemble, and after the Castilian custom, *Don Francisco* places on his daughter's brow a woof of royal lace, signifying that she succeeds to title and estate. *Barbara* sings a brilliant song of happiness, love and springtime, with an exquisite accompaniment, in which Mr. Herbert has woven the songs of birds, the rustling of leaves and the breezes of spring with marvelous skill. Mme. Gluck in this rendition quite surpasses anything she has yet done for the Victor, and pours out her vocal resources lavishly and with evident enjoyment.

## Spring Song (I List the Trill of Golden Throat)

By Alma Gluck, Soprano
(*In English*) 74274 12-inch, $1.50

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MC CORMACK AS PAUL

The sailors from the U. S. S. *Liberty* appear, and with them is *Lieutenant Paul*, who extends his compliments on behalf of his commander in the form of a spirited address.

## Paul's Address (No Country Can My Own Outvie)

By John McCormack, Tenor (*In English*) 74295 12-inch, $1.50

The Panuelo, or "dance of declaration," follows, in which each man places his hat on the head of the girl he loves. *Barbara* infuriates *Alvarado* by gaily tossing his hat into the crowd when he places it on her head, but before he can speak *Castro* appears and dares any one to dance with him the ancient Dagger Dance of California. *Natoma* accepts the challenge, and they dance to the wild and barbaric rhythm. This old dance is, like other characteristic numbers in the opera, based on Indian melodies which Mr. Herbert has been collecting for some years.

As the scene becomes more absorbing, *Alvarado* and *Pico* slip close to *Barbara*, and, throwing a serape over her head, attempt to carry her off. *Natoma*, who has been watching *Alvarado*, rushes wildly past *Castro* and plunges her dagger into the Spaniard, who falls lifeless. The crowd rushes at *Natoma* to avenge the death of *Alvarado* and *Paul* draws his sword to protect her. Suddenly the Mission door opens, and *Father Peralta* slowly advances, holding aloft the cross. The people kneel, and the Indian girl, dropping her dagger, approaches the priest and falls at his feet. They go into the church as the curtain falls.

### ACT III

SCENE—*Interior of the Mission Church*

As the curtain rises *Natoma* is kneeling on the steps of the altar, crooning an Indian cradle song. She invokes the Great Spirit to give her strength to join her people, and seek vengeance for her misfortunes. The old priest seeks to calm her, and finally strikes the one responsive chord in her heart—her love for her mistress. He recalls to her mind her happy childhood days with *Barbara*, and she realizes that she can yet make her mistress happy, and that fate has decreed the union between *Natoma* and *Paul*.

The church now fills with the people, who respond to the words of *Father Peralta*. *Paul* and *Barbara* sit near the altar in opposite pews, and at a sign from the priest the Indian girl walks down the aisle to where they are seated. Under her spell they kneel, facing the altar, and *Natoma*, lifting the amulet she wears around her neck, bestows it as a blessing on her beloved mistress. Turning, she walks toward the convent garden, and as the priest in the pulpit raises his hands in benediction, the doors of the cloister close upon her.

THE OPÉRA, PARIS

NORMA (*proudly*): Then fulfill thy fate, and follow him! (Act I.)

# NORMA

(*Nor'-mah*)

## OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Book by Felice Romani, founded on an old French story. Score by Vincenzo Bellini. First production December 26, 1831, at Milan. First London production at King's Theatre, in Italian, June 20, 1833. In English at Drury Lane, June 24, 1837. First Paris production Theâtre des Italiens, 1833. First Vienna production, 1833; in Berlin, 1834. First New York production February 25, 1841, at the Park Theatre. Produced at the New Orleans Opera, December 31, 1842. Other American productions: September 20, 1843, with Corsini and Perozzi; October 2, 1854, with Grisi, Mario and Susini, at the opening of the Academy of Music; and December 19, 1891, at the Metropolitan, with Lehmann. Recently revived by the Boston Opera Company.

### Characters

NORMA, High Priestess of the Temple of Esus ..... Soprano
ADALGISA, a Virgin of the Temple ..... Soprano
CLOTILDE, attendant on Norma ..... Soprano
POLLIONE, a Roman proconsul commanding the legions of Gaul ..... Tenor
FLAVIO, his lieutenant ..... Tenor
OROVESO, the Arch-Druid, father of Norma ..... Bass

Priests and Officers of the Temple, Gallic Warriors, Priestesses and Virgins of the Temple, two children of Norma and Pollione

*Scene and Period: The scene is laid in Gaul, shortly after the Roman conquest*

Norma, although an opera of the old school and seldom performed nowadays, contains some of the loveliest of the writings of Bellini. Its beauties are of the old-fashioned kind which our forefathers delighted in, and which are an occasional welcome relief from the abundance of "music dramas" with which we are surrounded of late. Especially charming is the spirited overture, always a favorite on band programs.

judgment, a new victim is offered—I am guilty! (Act II, Scene III.)

yield her husband and children to *Adalgisa* and expiate her offences on the funeral pyre. *Adalgisa* pleads with her, urging her to abandon her purpose, and offers to send *Pollione* back to her.

This scene is expressed in the *Hear Me, Norma,* familiar to every music-lover.

GRISI AS NORMA

## Mira o Norma (Hear Me, Norma)

**By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano, and Lina Mileri, Contralto**
(*In Italian*) * 62101 10-inch, $0.75
**By Arthur Pryor's Band** * 16323 10-inch, .75

The lovely strains of this melodious number have delighted countless hearers in the eighty years since it was written.

ADALGISA:
Dearest Norma, before thee kneeling,
View these darlings, thy precious treasures;
Let that sunbeam, a mother's feeling,
Break the night around thy soul.

NORMA:
Wouldst win that soul, by this entreating
Back to earth's delusive pleasures,
From the phantoms, far more fleeting,
Which in death's deep ocean shoal?

*Pollione* refuses to return to *Norma* and attempts to seize *Adalgisa* against her will. *Norma* foils this attempt and reasons with him, telling him he must give up his guilty love or die. This is expressed in a dramatic duet.

## In mia mano (In My Grasp)

**By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano, and Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) * 68309 12-inch, $1.25

NORMA:
In my grasp although I have thee,
Yet with kind intent I bear me:
And can free ye. Hear me:
Swear by the babes that prove me woman.
Swear by the gods that guide the Roman,
Adalgisa to relinquish
And this heinous love extinguish;
Then to Hades thy soul I send not!

*Pollione* still refuses, and *Norma* strikes the sacred shield to summon the Druids. She declares war on Rome and denounces *Pollione,* but offers to save his life if he will leave the country. He refuses, and she is about to put him to death, when love overcomes justice and the Priestess denounces herself to save *Pollione. Norma's* noble sacrifice causes his love to return and they ascend the funeral pyre together. As the flames mount about them they are declared purified of all sin.

### DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS NORMA RECORDS

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| Overture — By Arthur Pryor's Band<br>*Oberon Overture (Weber) — By Arthur Pryor's Band* | 35166 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| In mia mano alfin tu sei (In My Grasp)<br>By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano, and Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor (*In Italian*)<br>*Favorita—Fia vero lasciarti (Shall I Leave Thee?)*<br>*By Clotilde Esposito, Soprano, and Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor (In Italian)* | 68309 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Norma Selection (Hear Me, Norma!) — By Pryor's Band<br>*Mignon—Gavotte — By Victor String Quartet* | 16323 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Casta Diva (Queen of Heaven)<br>By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (*In Italian*)<br>*Lucia—Regnava nel silenzio (Silence O'er All)*<br>*By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (In Italian)* | 16539 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Mira o Norma (Hear Me, Norma) By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano, and Lina Mileri, Contralto (*In Italian*)<br>*Carmen—Preludio, Act IV — By La Scala Orchestra* | 62101 | 10-inch, | .75 |

* *Double-Faced Record—See above list.*

THE ENCHANTED FOREST—ACT I

# OBERON
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M. PLAMONDON AS OBERON

After the successful production of the English version of Weber's Der Freischutz in 1824, Weber was requested to write a new opera especially for Covent Garden. The composer, really the creator of the German romantic opera, had a great love for romantic subjects, and his choice of Wieland's beautiful poem was a most fortunate one. It was written in 1825-26, and is the composer's last dramatic work, having its first production less than two months before his death. At the first Oberon performance Weber received a tremendous ovation, and after the London production the opera was translated and produced at several German theatres; but in spite of the beautiful music it soon lost its hold on the public and disappeared for many years. A notable revival occurred some years ago at Wiesbaden, and was such a great success that a gala performance is now given annually in the presence of a distinguished audience.

## THE OVERTURE

Weber's great overtures show his genius better, perhaps, than any of his writings. Preeminent among them is, of course, this immortal "Oberon," with its wonderful instrumental coloring, breathing the very atmosphere of Elfland. The chief elements of the story of the opera are outlined in the overture. After an introduction, the horn of *Oberon* is heard, with the tip-toeing of the fairies represented by the clarinets. Throughout the whole work are interwoven the exquisite melodies of Fairyland, and at the close is heard a portion of *Rezia's* air, "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster."

**Oberon Overture**
*Norma Overture (Bellini)*

**Pryor's Band**
*Pryor's Band* **35166 12-inch, $1.25**

## THE STORY

The story of "Oberon" originally appeared in a famous collection of French romances, "La Bibliothèque Bleue," under the title "Huon of Bordeaux." The German poet Wieland adopted the principal incidents of the story as the basis of his poem, and Sotheby's translation of it was used in preparation of the text.

The opening scene of the opera occurs in Fairyland, where the fairies are dancing around the sleeping *Oberon*, the Elfin-King. *Oberon* has quarreled with his fairy partner, *Titania*, who vows never to be reconciled to her King until he shall find two lovers constant to each other through trial and temptation. The King's "tricksy spirit," *Puck*, hears of the plight of *Sir Huon* of Bordeaux, a young knight, who has killed the son of Charlemagne, and who is for this condemned to travel to Bagdad and slay the person who sits at *Haroun's* left hand, and claim *Haroun's* daughter, *Rezia*, as his wife. *Oberon* determines to use *Sir Huon* and *Rezia* to bring about his reunion with *Titania*. *Puck* brings

LOFFITTE AS HUON

PHOTO ORICELLI BORGO AS REZIA

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**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano** *(In German)* 884

REZIA:

Ocean! thou mighty monster,
That liest curl'd
Like a green monster round about the world!
To musing eye thou art an awful sight,
When calmly sleeping in the morning light;
But when thou risest in thy wrath, as now,
And fling'st thy folds around some fated prow,
Crushing the strong ribb'd bark as 'twere a shell,
Then, Ocean, thy pow'r is fierce and fell!
Still I see thy billows flashing,
Through the gloom their white foam flinging,
And the breakers' sullen dashing
In mine ear hope's knell is ringing!

But lo! methinks a ligh
Slowly o'er the distant
Like a second morn aw
Pale and wan from its
And now the sun bursts
The wind is lulling fas
And the broad wave bu
Cloudless o'er the blus
Now the setting sun is
Like a victor, red with
To his tent in triumph
Ah, perchance these ey
Look upon its light ag

LANDE ELYSIUM—ACT II

(Italian)

# ORFEO ED EURIDICE

*(Or-feh'-oh ayd Ay-oo-ree-dee'-cheh)*

(English)

# ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE

*(Or'-fee-us and U-ri-dee'-chee)*

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Book by Ramieri De Calzabigi; music by Christoph Willibald von Gluck. First production in Vienna, October 5, 1762, Gluck conducting. First Paris production, 1778, when the rôle of *Orpheus* was transposed for high tenor. First London production at Covent Garden, June 26, 1770. Some notable revivals were during the Winter Garden season of 1863; in 1885 (in German), by the Metropolitan Opera under Walter Damrosch; the English production in 1886 by the National Opera Company; the Abbey revival in Italian in 1892; and the Metropolitan production of 1910, with Homer, Gadski and Gluck.

### Cast

ORPHEUS ..... Contralto
EURIDICE ..... Soprano
LOVE ..... Soprano
A HAPPY SHADE ..... Soprano

Shepherds and Shepherdesses, Furies and Demons, Heroes and Heroines in Hades.

This opera, which has been called "Gluck's incomparable masterpiece," and of which the great Fétis wrote, "it is one of the most beautiful productions of genius," may be properly termed a purely classical music drama. The music is exquisite in its delicacy and

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grace, while the story is an interesting and a
ing one. Orpheus may be called the grandf
of grand opera, it being the oldest work
kind to hold its place on the stage, the first r
sentation occurring one hundred and fifty
ago.

The opera has had only one adequate A
can production previous to the recent Metrop
revival, and that was during the American C
Company season of 1886—the Abbey revi
1892 meeting with but indifferent success.
has been the interest aroused by the recent
formances, that it is likely to be heard
frequently in the future.

The story concerns the Greek poet *Or*
who grieves deeply over the death of his
*Euridice,* and finally declares he will ente
realms of *Pluto* and search for her amon
spirits of the departed. The goddess *Love* ap
and promises to aid him, on condition that
he has found *Euridice* he will return to
without once looking at her.

*Orpheus* journeys to the Gates of Erebus
so softens the hearts of the Demon guards b
grief and his exquisite playing of his lyre, th
is permitted to enter. He finds *Euridice,*
without looking at her, takes her by the han
ys, but failing to understand his averted
pparent coldness and asks that he shall

## a (On My Faith Relying)

prano: Louise Homer, Contralto
(*In Italian*) 89041 12-inch, $4.00

ast a single look at his loved one means
rted. The dialogue portrays the emotions
s music suggests the present perplexity
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he reproaches of his wife, he clasps her
nk down lifeless.

(Italian)

## ren—Che faro senza Euridice

## Eurydice

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(*In German*) 88091 12-inch, $3.00
(*In Italian*) 88285 12-inch, 3.00

? *Et dans quel précipice m'a plongé mon*
one, what have I done! Into what gulf
cries the hapless youth, and breaks into
tion.

y Eurydice
e is without its like.
shall die of my sorrow.
ydice, answer me!
thful husband.
e, which calls you.
ith! vain hope!
g, what torment, wrings my heart!"

COPY'T DUPONT
HOMER AS ORP

LANDE THE GATES OF HELL—ACT IV

Of the many beautiful numbers in Gluck's drama this lovely aria of mourning (best known by the Italian title *Che faro senza Euridice*) is the most familiar.

*Orpheus* is about to kill himself when *Love* appears and cries:

LOVE:
Hold, Orpheus!
ORPHEUS (*despairingly*):
What would you with me?
LOVE:
Thine anguish well doth prove
Thy constancy and truth.
'Tis time that the trial be ended!
Eurydice! revive!
To embrace the fond youth
Who dared so much for thee!
ORPHEUS:
My Eurydice!
EURYDICE (*reviving*):
My Orpheus! (*They embrace.*)

(*Curtain*)

## MISCELLANEOUS ORFEO RECORDS

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| Melodie (from "Ballet Music") | By Maud Powell, Violinist | 64075 | 10-inch, $1.00 |
| Melodie (from "Ballet Music") | By Fritz Kreisler, Violinist | 64313 | 10-inch, 1.00 |

MAIRET EURYDICE RESTORED TO ORPHEUS—ACT III

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VERDI AND MAUREL AT FIRST PERFORMANCE OF OTELLO

After having given the world his splendid *Aida*, Verdi rested on his laurels and was silent for sixteen years; then, at the age of seventy-four, he suddenly astonished the world with his magnificent Otello, a masterly music-drama which alone would suffice to make him famous.

The change from the Verdi of 1853 and Il Trovatore, to the Verdi of 1887 and Otello, is amazing. Each opera produced by him shows a steady advance, until something approximating perfection is reached in Otello, the writing of which was an astonishing feat for a man of nearly eighty years of age.

The text, by that accomplished scholar and master librettist, Boito, follows closely the tragedy of Shakespeare.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Otello's Castle in Cyprus. A Storm is Raging and the Angry Sea is visible in the Background*

Venetians, soldiers, including *Iago, Roderigo* and *Cassio*, are awaiting the return of *Otello*. His vessel arrives safely, and amid much rejoicing the Moor announces that the war is over, the enemy's ships having all been sunk. He goes into the castle, and *Iago* and *Roderigo* plan the conspiracy against *Cassio* and *Otello*, by which *Roderigo* hopes to secure *Desdemona* for himself and *Iago* to be revenged on *Otello*.

They join the soldiers and try to induce *Cassio* to drink. He refuses, but when *Iago* toasts *Desdemona*, he is compelled to join. *Iago* sings the rousing *Brindisi*:

### Brindisi—Inaffia l'ugola (Drinking Song —Clink the Wine Cup)

**By Pasquale Amato, Baritone, and Chorus**
(*In Italian*) **88338 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Antonio Scotti, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88082 12-inch, 3.00**
**By Antonio Scotti, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **87040 10-inch, 2.00**

during which he continues to fill *Cassio's* glass. When the latter is quite drunk they pick a quarrel with him, and he draws his sword, wounding *Montano*, while *Iago* and *Cassio* rouse a cry of "riot," which brings *Otello* from the castle. He disgraces *Cassio* and orders all to disperse, remaining alone with *Desdemona* for a long love scene. Part of this scene has been recorded here by Mme. Lotti and M. Conti, of Milan. The curtain falls as husband and wife go slowly into the castle.

COPY'T MISHKIN

SLEZAK AS OTELLO

### Quando narravi (When Thou Speakest)

**By F. Lotti, Soprano; F. Conti, Tenor**
(*In Italian*) ***55023 12-inch, $1.50**

## ACT II

SCENE —*A Room in the Castle*

The crafty *Iago* is advising *Cassio* how to regain the favor of *Otello*, telling him that he must induce *Desdemona* to intercede for him. *Cassio* eagerly goes in search of *Desdemona*, while *Iago* gazes after him, satisfied with the progress of his schemes, and then sings the superb *Credo*.

**Double-Faced Record—See page 360.*

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*In Italian*) *55023 12-inch, $1.50

ation of *Iago's* last speech with *Cassio* In his setting Verdi has expressed the perfidious *Iago:* cynical, vain, declares that he was fashioned by a d him for evil, and that he cares nces, as after death there is nothing. approach and *Cassio* greet her, and fficer is earnestly pleading with her o runs in search of *Otello*, and sows sy in the heart of the Moor, bidding ell. *Otello*, much troubled, seeks s her. She begins to intercede for ulses her, and when she would wipe oughly throws down the handkerup by *Iago*.

o, *Otello* gives way to despair, and the bitter *Ora e per sempre*.

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**magno, Tenor**

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| *In Italian*) | 95003 | 10-inch, $5.00 | |
| o | 87071 | 10-inch, 2.00 | |

d that *Desdemona* is deceiving him, he of mind, ambition and the glory of

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AMATO AS IAGO

*Iago* now tells *Otello* how he had slept in *Cassio's* room lately and had heard *Cassio* talking in his sleep, bemoaning the fate which had robbed him of *Desdemona* and given her to the Moor.

*Cassio* enters, and *Iago,* bidding *Otello* watch behind a pillar, goes to the young officer, and with fiendish ingenuity induces him to talk of his sweetheart *Bianca. Otello,* listening, thinks that it is of *Desdemona* that *Cassio* speaks, as *Cassio* produces the fatal handkerchief, telling *Iago* he had found it in his room, and wondering to whom it can belong. *Otello,* seeing the handkerchief and not hearing the conversation, has no further doubt of *Desdemona's* guilt, and when *Cassio* departs he asks *Iago* how best can he murder them both. The villain suggests that *Desdemona* be strangled in her bed, and says he will himself kill *Cassio.*

In a highly dramatic duet, given here by Barrera and Badini, they swear a solemn oath of vengeance.

## Ah! mille vite (A Thousand Lives!)

**By Barrera and Badini *55009 12-inch $1.50**

COPY'T MISHKIN

SCOTTI AS IAGO

SCOTTI, WICKHAM, ALDA AND SLEZAK IN OTELLO

Messengers now arrive from the Senate bearing orders for *Otello,* who has been recalled to Venice, and *Cassio* appointed Governor of Cyprus in his stead. He announces his departure on the morrow, and then unable to control his rage and jealousy he publicly insults *Desdemona* and flings her to the ground. As she is being led away by her maids he falls in a fit. The people, considering the summons to Venice an additional honor for the Moor, rush in, shouting "Hail to Otello," when *Iago,* pointing with fiendish triumph to the prostrate body, cries, "Behold your Lion of Venice!"

## ACT IV

### SCENE—*Desdemona's Bedroom*

The heartbroken *Desdemona* is preparing to retire, assisted by her maid, *Emilia.* She tells *Emilia* that an old song of her childhood keeps coming into her mind. Then she sings the sad and beautiful *Willow Song.* This is an old melody which has been definitely traced to the sixteenth century, and which is supposed to be much older.

## Salce, salce (Willow Song)

**By Nellie Melba, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88148 12-inch, $3.00**

This plaintive song seems like the lamentation of a broken heart, its last words being prophetic of the coming tragedy.

The faithful *Emilia* leaves her, and she kneels before the image of the Madonna and sings the noble *Ave,* one of the most inspired portions of the wonderful fourth act.

## Ave Maria (Hail, Mary)

**By Nellie Melba, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88149 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Frances Alda, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88213 12-inch, 3.00**

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DESDEMONA (ALDA AND SLEZAK)

The "Ave Maria" is introduced by a characteristic monotone for the voice, accompanied by some organ-like harmonies which steal in with exquisite effect from the strings of the orchestra.

The portrayal of the mingled apprehension and resignation of *Desdemona* in this scene through the medium of the voice is worthy to rank with Melba's most celebrated operatic creations—her *Marguerita*—her *Juliet*—her *Mimi*. The purity and youthfulness of the feeling imparted, apart from the freshness and delicate perfection of the tones themselves is amazing, filling the mind with wonder at the perpetual miracle of the singer's perfect art. Mme. Alda, whose *Desdemona* has been one

ersonations at the Metropolitan, sings the

air *Desdemona* remains kneeling and prays
oice being almost inaudible.
shes toward the bed, but stops and gazes
ong time, then approaches and kisses her.

(Italian)
# I PAGLIACCI
(*Ee Pahl-yat'-chee*)

(English)
# THE PLAYERS

Drama in Two Acts. Words and Music by R. Leoncavallo

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LEONCAVALLO

Ruggiero Leoncavallo was born at Naples, March 8, 1858, and was the son of a magistrate, the Chevalier Vincont, president of the tribunal of Potenza. His mother was a daughter of the celebrated artist, Raffaele d'Auria, famous for his decorations in the royal palace at Naples. He took up the pianoforte at an early age with Simonetti, a well-known teacher of Naples, and entered the Neapolitan Conservatoire, where he studied under Cesi, Ruta and Rossi. At sixteen he made a concert tour as a pianist with some success. Leaving the Conservatoire at eighteen he promptly showed his leaning toward operatic composition by beginning to write an opera, the libretto based on de Vigny's well-known drama, Chatterton. Finding an *impresario*, the production of this opera was promised, but at the last moment he was deserted by his manager and the young composer was reduced to poverty. He did not despair, however, and abandoning for a time his operatic pretensions, set to work at anything which would give him a living. He gave lessons and played accompaniments at café concerts, finally becoming a concert pianist, the latter occupation taking him to many countries—England, France, Holland, Germany and Egypt. Returning to Italy after several years of these wanderings, he proved that he had not been idle by submitting to the house of Ricordi the first part of a tremendous trilogy based on the subject of the Renaissance in Italy.

This monumental work he entitled *Crepusculum* (Twilight), and the three parts were called: I—*Medici;* II—*Girolamo Savonarola;* III—*Cezare Borgia.* This Ricordi accepted, agreeing to produce the first part, and Leoncavallo spent a year in its completion. Three years passed by and the production was not made. In despair he went to the rival firm of Sonzogno, which encouraged him to write the opera which was to make him famous. The young composer went to work and in the space of five months completed his opera, basing the plot on an actual occurrence in the court where his father was presiding as judge.

The production of Pagliacci was made on May 21, 1892, at the Teatro dal Verme, Milan. Its success was overwhelming, and the name of Leoncavallo was heard throughout the world. His fame led to the production, in 1893, of the first section of the great trilogy, *Medici;* but it was not well received. Other operas by Leoncavallo which have been produced with more or less success are: Chatterton (produced 1896); Bohême (1897); Zaza (1900); and finally Roland, written at the request of the German Emperor (1904). He has written also a symphonic poem, *Serafita;* a ballet (*La Vita d'una Marionetta*) and several comic operas.

But it is Pagliacci which will keep the name of Leoncavallo remembered. Its masterfully constructed libretto; its compelling and moving story; the orchestration, written with extraordinary skill; and finally, its moving and intensely dramatic plot, which always holds an audience in rapt attention.

It is indeed a matter for congratulation that the Victor is able to offer such a fine production of this master work.

## ɔF THE OPERA—LEONCAVALLO'S PAGLIACCI

### ANNOUNCEMENT

ıy takes pleasure in announcing Leoncavallo's famous two-act musical ılly for the Victor under the personal direction of the composer. s were made in the presence of Signor Leoncavallo, and the music ɜature which should make this collection ever valuable and unique. future concerning the composer's intentions in regard to the opera rence to this performance as he himself conducted it. This advan- priceless with regard to many well-known operas of the past, as it ıy controversies. But now, by means of the Victor, the composer's bly recorded.

by Signor Leoncavallo to interpret his great work are well known ɜs. Mme. Huguet, one of Italy's most beloved *prima donne*, has a d power, and sings the music of *Nedda* most beautifully. Cigada's ɜrformance, the richness and beauty of his voice being especially ue and the duet with *Nedda*. As *Canio* a choice of tenors is offered, of Barbaini being contrasted with the splendid fire and intensity of as *Silvio* is fully adequate, while the smaller parts are well filled. ɔout the orchestra and chorus of La Scala, as their reputation is

iful opera is admirably suited for reproduction on the Victor, and ıging of the artists who have rendered these dramatic scenes, no ıired to picture the various situations.

La Scala series, which was made under the composer's direction, ɜords are listed in their proper places.

### THE ARGUMENT

al introduction *Tonio*, in his clown costume, suddenly appears in begs permission to revive the ancient Greek prologue. He then ɜue and explains that the subject of the play is taken from real life:

LE THÉATRE ARRIVAL OF THE PLAYERS—ACT I

(Italian)
# I PAGLIACCI
(*Ee Pahl-yat'-chee*)

(English)
# THE PLAYERS

(German)
# DIE BAJAZZI
(*Dee Bah-yot'-si*)

(French)
# PAILLASSE
(*Pah-yahss*)

## DRAMATIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Libretto and music by Ruggiero Leoncavallo. First performed at the Teatro dal Verme, Milan, on May 21, 1892; in Vienna, September 17, 1892; in London, May 19, 1893; Dresden, January 23, 1893; Paris, in French, December 17, 1902. First New York production June 15, 1894, with Kronold, Montegriffo and Campanari. Some famous casts of recent years at the Metropolitan and the Manhattan opera: Caruso, Farrar, Stracciari—Alvarez, Scheff, Scotti—Farrar, Bars, Scotti—Cavalieri, Rousseliere, Scotti—Deveyne, Martin, Campanari, etc.

### Characters in the Drama

NEDDA (*Ned'-dah*) (in the play "*Columbine*"), a strolling player, wife of Canio . . . . . Soprano
CANIO (*Kah'-nee-oh*) (in the play "*Pagliaccio*" [*Punchinello*]), master of the troupe . . . . . Tenor
TONIO (*Toh'-nee-oh*) (in the play "*Taddeo*"), the clown . . . . . Baritone
PEPPE (*Pep'-pay*) (in the play "*Harlequin*") . . . . . Tenor
SILVIO, (*Sil'-vee-oh*) a villager . . . . . Baritone

Villagers and Peasants

*The scene is laid in Calabria, near Montalto, on the Feast of the Assumption. Period, between 1865 and 1870.*

By [illegible] Scotti, Baritone (*In Italian*)
By Emilio de Gogórza, Baritone (*In Italian*)
By Titta Ruffo, Baritone (*In Italian*)
By Pryor's Band

## Prologo (Prologue) (Complete in two parts)

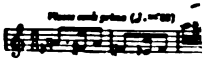
**Part I—Si puo? (A Word)**
**By Titta Ruffo, Baritone** (*In Italian*)

**Part II—Un nido di memorie (A Song of Tender Men**
**By Titta Ruffo, Baritone** (*In Italian*)

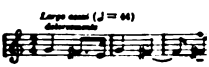
**(a) Part I—Si puo? (A Word)**
**By Francesco Cigada, Baritone** (*In Italian*)
**(b) Part II—Un nido di memorie (A Song of Tender Memories)**
**By Francesco Cigada, Baritone** (*In Italian*)

The first part of the Prologue is in itself a miniature overture, c
sentative themes associated with the main events of the drama to b

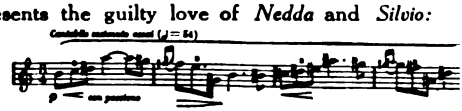
The first is the motive which always accompanies the appearance of the players or *pagliacci:*



The second theme represents *Canio's* jealousy and is a sombre strain suggestive of revenge:



The third represents the guilty love of *Nedda* and *Silvio:*



and appears frequently throughout the opera, not only in the lo
act, when *Nedda* refuses to betray her lover even with death awaiti

The presentation of these themes is followed by the appearai
who peeps through the curtain and says:

He then goes on to speak of the author's inspiration, and says:

A song of tender mem'ries
Deep in his list'ning heart one day was ringing;
And then with a trembling hand he wrote it,
And he marked the time with sighs and tears.
Come, then;
Here on the stage you shall behold us in human fashion,
And see the sad fruits of love and passion.
Hearts that weep and languish, cries of rage and anguish,
And bitter laughter!

The beautiful *andante* which follows is the most admired portion of the aria, and is indeed a noble strain.

Ah, think then, sweet people, when ye look on us,
Clad in our motley and tinsel,
For ours are human hearts, beating with passion,
We are but men like you, for gladness or sorrow,
'Tis the same broad Heaven above us,
The same wide, lonely world before us!
Will ye hear, then, the story,
As it unfolds itself surely and certain!
Come, then! Ring up the curtain!

The curtain now rises, as the *pagliacci motive* reappears in the orchestra.

## Opening Chorus—"Son qua!" (They're Here!)

By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*) *16814 10-inch, $0.75

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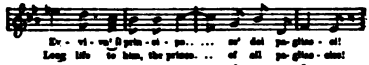
SAMMARCO AS TONIO

The first scene, representing the edge of a small village in Calabria, is now revealed to the audience. The people are engaged in celebrating the Feast of the Assumption, and among the attractions offered to the crowds who have flocked to the village is the troupe of strolling players headed by *Canio*. These wandering mountebanks are common in the rural districts of Italy and are known as *pagliacci*. They take with them a small tent (usually carried in a cart drawn by a donkey), which they set up in the market places of the small villages, or anywhere that they see a prospect for the earning of a modest living.

A number of the townspeople have assembled in front of the little theatre and are awaiting the return of the clowns, who have been parading through the village to announce their arrival, as is the custom. As the curtain rises, the sound of a drum and trumpet is heard from a distance, and the villagers are full of joy at the prospect of a comedy performance. They express their excitement in a vigorous opening chorus. This is a clever bit of writing, but so difficult that it is seldom well given. The famous chorus of La Scala, however, under the leadership of Maestro Sabaino, have given this stirring number in splendid style. This oft-recurring phrase:




which is presented with many odd modulations, produces a peculiar and novel effect.

BOYS: Hi! They're here!
They're coming back!
Pagliaccio's there
The grown-up folks and boys
All follow after!
Their jokes and laughter
They all applaud.

WOMEN: See, there's the wagon!
My, what a fiendish din!
The Lord have mercy on us!

ALL: Welcome Pagliaccio;
Long life to him,
The prince of all pagliaccios.
You drive our cares away
With fun and laughter!

The little troupe has now come into view and the noise is redoubled. *Canio* appears at the head of his company, his wife, *Nedda*, riding in the cart drawn by a donkey, while *Tonio* and *Peppe* make hideous noises on the bass drum and cracked trumpet, which constitute the orchestra of the players. *Canio* is dressed in the traditional garb of the clown, his face smeared with flour and his cheeks adorned with patches of red. He tries to

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ARRIVAL OF THE PLAYERS

CANIO: Such a game, I'd have you know,
'Twere better not to play, my neighbors!
To Tonio, aye, to you all I say it!
For the stage there and life, they are different altogether!
* * * * * * * * * * *
If up there, (*pointing to the theatre*)
Pagliaccio his lady should discover
With some fine fellow in her room,
He'd give the two a rating . . . or resign himself,
And take a jolly beating!

(*With a sudden change of tone*)

But if Nedda I really should surprise so,
What came after were a far different story!

*Nedda*, who is listening, is surprised and says aside: "What does he mean?" The villagers, rather puzzled at his earnestness, ask him if he is serious. With an effort he rouses himself from his gloomy mood and says lightly:

Not I—I love my wife most dearly!

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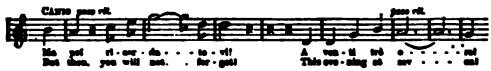
FARRAR AS NEDDA

(*He approaches Nedda and kisses her on the forehead.*)

The sound of bagpipes (oboe) is heard in the distance, telling of the merrymaking in the village, and the church bells begin to toll the call to vespers. The people commence to disperse, and *Canio* again repeats his melodious strain of invitation:



(*He goes with several peasants into the inn.*)

## Coro della campane (Chorus of the Bells)

**By La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) ***35172 12-inch, $1.25**

This is the famous Bell Chorus, or "Ding Dong" Chorus, one of the most remarkable numbers in the opera. It is sung with spirit, and the chiming bells are introduced in a most effective manner. The people go off singing and the measures die away in the distance.

## Ballatella, "Che volo d'augelli!" (Ye Birds Without Number!)

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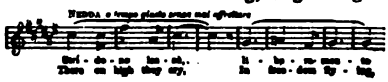
| **By Lucrezia Bori, Soprano** | (*In Italian*) | **88398** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Alma Gluck, Soprano** | (*In Italian*) | **74238** | **12-inch,** | **1.50** |
| **By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano** | (*In Italian*) | ***35172** | **12-inch,** | **1.25** |

*Nedda*, left alone, is troubled by her remembrance of *Canio's* manner and wonders if he suspects her.

But shaking off her depression, she becomes once more alive to the brightness of the day, which fills her with a strange delight. A gay tremolo in the strings announces the theme of the birds, and *Nedda* speaks of her mother, who could understand their language.

NEDDA: Ah, ye birds without number!
What countless voices!
What ask ye? Who knows?
My mother, she that was skillful at telling one's fortune,
Understood what they're singing.
And in my childhood, thus would she sing me.

Then follows the brilliant *Balatella* or Bird Song, beginning:



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tiful number with an exquisite accompaniment, mainly of strings. records are offered, while a very fine rendition by Mme. Huguet is ›le-faced record.

## So ben che deforme (I Know That You Hate Me)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Francesco Cigada, Baritone**

*(In Italian)* ***35173 12-inch, $1.25**

At the close of her song *Nedda* finds that the hideous *Tonio* has been listening, and now seeing the handsome Columbine alone, begins to make love to her; but she scornfully orders him away. He persists, but his protestations are greeted with mocking laughter, and *Nedda* says insolently:

NEDDA:
There's time, if you like,
Once more to tell me this evening
When you will be acting the fool!
* * * * * * *
Just now, it is painful.

In a furious rage, *Tonio* swears she must listen to him and cries:

NEDDA:
A threat, eh? Come, or I'll be calling Canio!
TONIO:
But not until I've kissed you!
*(Rushing toward her.)*

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## (Naught I Forget!)

**Huguet, Francesco Cigada, and Ernesto Badini**

CANIO SURPRISES THE LOVERS—ACT II

**The lovers, who have cast aside all prudence and see only each other, fail to observe *Canio*, who has been warned by *Tonio* and has hurried from the tavern.**

TONIO (*holding Canio back*): Now just step softly,
And you will catch them now!
SILVIO (*disappearing over the wall*):
To-night at midnight,
I'll be there below!
NEDDA: 'Till to-night then,
And forever I'll be thine!

(*She sees Canio and gives a cry of fear.*)

SILVIO AND NEDDA

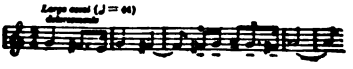
## Aitalo Signor! (May Heaven Protect Him!)

**By Antonio Paoli Tenor; Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor (*In Italian*) 92011 12-inch, $3.00**

***Canio*, who has not seen *Silvio*, but has heard *Nedda's* parting words, now rushes toward the wall. *Nedda* bars his way. The record begins with the melodramic music written by Leoncavallo for this exciting struggle, during which *Canio* pushes her aside and runs in pursuit of *Silvio*.**

NEDDA (*listening anxiously*): May Heaven protect him now!
CANIO (*from behind*): Scoundrel! Where hidest thou?
TONIO (*laughing cynically*): Ha! Ha! Ha!
NEDDA (*turning to Tonio with loathing*): Bravo! Well done, Tonio!
TONIO (*with fiendish satisfaction*): I hope in the future to do better!

***Canio* re-enters, out of breath and completely exhausted. As he turns to *Nedda* with suppressed rage we hear again in the accompaniment that dismal theme of revenge:**



..A GIUBBA"

CANIO:
No one!
That shows how well he knows that path.
But no matter!
(*Furiously*):
Because right now you'll tell me his name!
NEDDA (*indifferently*):
Me?
CANIO (*in frenzy*):
You! By God in Heaven!
And if up to this moment I have not cut your throat,
* * * * * * * * * * *
'Tis because I'd have you name him!
Speak now!

*Nedda* proudly refuses. Filled with joy because of *Silvio's* escape, she cares not what may be her own fate. *Canio,* beside himself, rushes on her with the knife, but *Peppe* holds him back and takes away his weapon. *Tonio* comes to *Peppe's* assistance, saying:

Restrain yourself, good master,
'Tis best to sham awhile.
The fellow will come back,
You take my word for it!

They finally persuade him to restrain himself, and beg him to make ready for the play, as the audience is already assembling.

*Nedda* goes into the theatre and *Canio* remains alone, his head bowed with shame and baffled revenge in his soul.

## (On With the Play)

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clown, which he pours out not only on his faithless wife, but on himself and the occupation that bids him be merry when his heart is breaking. Sometimes Caruso's voice merely delights the ear—here he searches the heart; and is not merely the greatest of tenors, but is the clown himself, full of the most tragic emotion.

## ACT II

SCENE—*Same as Act I*

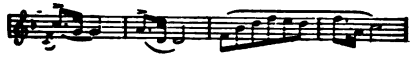
NEDDA AS COLUMBINE

### La Commedia (The Play) Part I, Serenata d'Arlecchino (Harlequin's Serenade)

**By Giuseppina Huguet and Gaetano Pini-Corsi**

(*In Italian*) ***35174 12-inch, $1.25**

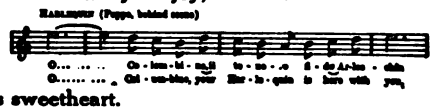
Passing over the preparations for the play and the quarreling chorus of the peasants as they fight for the best seats, which is not interesting without the action, we come to the commencement of the comedy. The curtain is drawn aside, disclosing a small room with two side doors and a window at the back. *Nedda* as Columbine is discovered walking about anxiously. The tripping minuet movement which runs throughout the action of the comedy now begins.



Columbine rises and looks out of the window, saying:

Pagliaccio, my husband, till late this evening
Will not be at home.

The sound of a guitar, cleverly imitated by the violins, *pizzicato*, causes Columbine to utter a cry of joy, and the voice of Harlequin is heard outside in the Serenade, beginning:

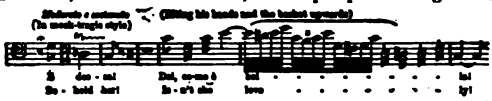


in which he extravagantly rhapsodizes his sweetheart.

### La Commedia (The Play) Part II, E dessa! (Behold Her!)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; and Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor** (*In Italian*) ***35174 12-inch, $1.25**

*Tonio* as Taddeo, with his basket, now peeps through the door and says exaggeratedly, with a comical cadenza:



The audience laughs in delight as *Tonio* tries to express his love by a long, exaggerated sigh. Columbine tries to suppress him by inquiring about the chicken he had been sent for, but *Tonio* kneels, and holding up the fowl says:

See, we are *both* before thee kneeling!

His pretensions are cut short by Harlequin, who enters and leads him out by the ear. As he goes he gives the lovers a mock benediction, singing:

Then I my claim surrender. Bless you, my children!

AMATO AS TONIO

### Versa il filtro nella tazza sua! (Pour the Potion in His Wine, Love!)

**By Augusto Barbaini, Tenor; Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; and Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor**

(*In Italian*) ***35175 12-inch, $1.25**

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artake of their feast and make merry together. Harlequin takes from which he gives to Columbine, saying:

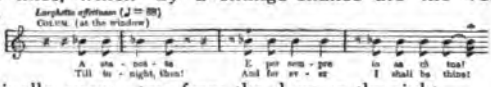
IN:
this little sleeping draught,
r Pagliaccio!
t him at bedtime,
hen away we'll fly.

COLUMBINE (*eagerly*):
Yes, give me!

ddenly bursts *Tonio*, in mock alarm, bawling loudly

Be careful! Pagliaccio is here!
Trembling all over, he seeks for weapons!
He has caught you, and I shall fly to cover!

te the greatest alarm, at which the excited spectators are highly pleased. Harlequin leaps from the window, and *Nedda* continues the scene by next lines, which by a strange chance are the very words she en to lier in




Punchinello, now enters from the door on the right.

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(*Taking up his part*):
You had a man with you!

COLUMBINE (*lightly*):
What nonsense! You are tipsy!

CANIO:

No, Pagliaccio, I'm not!
If my face be white,
'Tis shame that pales it
And vengeance twists my features!

* * * * * *

I am that foolish man
Who in poverty found and tried to save thee!
He gave a name to thee,
A burning love that was madness!
(*Falls in a chair, overwhelmed.*)

The people, while a little puzzled by such intensity, loudly applaud what they think is a piece of superb acting.

CANIO (*recovering himself*):

All my life to thee I sacrificed with gladness!
Full of hope and believing far less in God than thee!

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Go! Thou'rt not worth my grief,
O thou abandoned creature!
And now, with my contempt,
I'll crush thee under heel!

Caruso's rendering of this great scene is a magnificent one. The opening passage is delivered with tremendous power, as *Canio* pleads his defense, saying that he is no longer a player, but a man, and protests as a man against the wrong inflicted upon him. His passion gives place to a softer strain as he speaks of his love for *Nedda*, his faithfulness and his sacrifices for her. At the close is the intense climax, with its splendid high B flat. Other fine renditions of the air are by Zerola and Barbaini.

## Finale to the Opera

**By Antonio Paoli, Tenor; Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor; Ernesto Badini, Tenor; and Chorus** (*In Italian*) **92013 12-inch, $3.00**

The close of *Canio's* great air, "No, Pagliaccio No More!" is greeted with loud cries of "bravo" from the excited audience.

*Nedda* is now thoroughly alarmed, but courageously faces her husband with outward calm.

LE THEATRE THE PLAY—ACT II

NEDDA (*coldly but seriously*):

'Tis well!
If thou think'st me vile,
Send me off, then,
Before this moment's over!

CANIO (*laughing loudly*):

Ha! Ha!
Oh, nothing better would'st thou ask,
Than to be let run to meet thy lover!
No! by Heaven, for here thou stayest,
Until thy paramour's vile name thou sayest!

*Nedda*, in desperation, tries to continue the play, and as the little gavotte movement is resumed in the accompaniment, she sings:

NEDDA:

Oh dear, I never knew that you
Were such a fearful man, sir!
The man who's been to sup with me
And caused you all this bother
Was only Harlequin, you see.
Poor Harlequin, no other!

CANIO: Name him, or else I'll kill you! (Act II.)

to laugh, but is checked by *Canio's* appearance, which is alarming.
*violently*): Ah, you defy me!

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS PAGLIACCI RECORDS

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Prologue, Part I** By Francesco Cigada, Baritone (*In Italian*)<br>**Prologue, Part II** By Francesco Cigada, Baritone (*In Italian*) | 35171 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Prologue** By Pryor's Band<br>*Flying Dutchman Fantasia* *By Pryor's Band* | 35158 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Coro della campane** By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>**Che volo d'augelli** By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (*Italian*) | 35172 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **So ben che deforme** By Huguet and Cigada (*In Italian*)<br>**Nulla scordai!** By Huguet, Cigada and Badini (*In Italian*) | 35173 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **La Commedia—Part I** By Huguet and Pini-Corsi<br>**La Commedia—Part II** By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Francesco Cigada, Baritone; Gaetano Pini-Corsi, Tenor | 35174 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Versa il filtro nella tazza sua!** By Barbaini, Huguet, Cigada and Pini-Corsi (*In Italian*)<br>**No, Pagliaccio non son!** By Augusto Barbaini (*In Italian*) | 35175 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Opening Chorus, "Son qua"** By La Scala Chorus (*In Italian*)<br>*Trovatore—Per me ora fatale—Ernesto Caronna and Chorus* (*Italian*) | 16814 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Gems from Pagliacci**<br>Chorus—"Ding Dong"—"This Evening at Seven"—Bird Song, "Ye Birds Without Number"—"Pagliaccio's Lament" (Vesti la giubba)—Duet, The Comedy, "Just Look, My Love"—Chorus, "See, They Come"<br>By Victor Opera Company (*In English*)<br>*Gems from Cavalleria Rusticana*<br>*By Victor Opera Company* (*In English*) | 35343 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

This interesting *potpourri* opens with the famous Bell Chorus, in which chiming bells are introduced in a most effective manner.

Then comes *Canio's* address to the peasants, telling them about the play, followed by *Nedda's* beautiful song to the birds, with its exquisite accompaniment.

Next we have the great lament of *Pagliaccio*, a bit of the comedy duet between *Columbine* and *Harlequin*, and the record concludes with the rousing chorus of villagers which greets the coming of the players at the beginning of the opera.

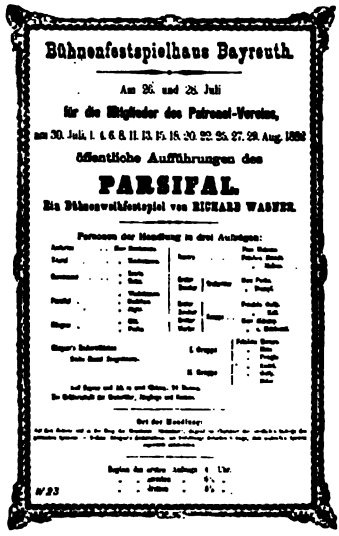
LE THÉÂTRE

THE COMEDY IS ENDED!

## THE STORY

The story of the Grail is perhaps the most beautiful in legendary lore. Wagner's version, which was inspired by a mediæval epic written about 1300 by Wolfram von Eschenbach, of Thuringia, whom Wagner has already introduced to us in Tannhauser, tells of the Holy Grail, the cup from which Christ drank at the Last Supper with His disciples, and into which was placed the blood which flowed from the wounds of the Saviour.

This sacred cup, together with the lance which caused these wounds, was in danger of profanation from infidel hands, and was therefore sent by holy messengers to a pure Knight, *Titurel*, who built a splendid sanctuary on an inaccessible rock in the Pyrenees and gathered together a company of Knights of unimpeachable honor, who are devoting their lives to the guarding of the Grail. Once each year a dove descends from Heaven to renew the sacred powers of the Grail and its guardians. Such a subject as this, mystic, symbolic and poetic, so inspired Wagner that in *Parsifal* he reached his highest sphere as a composer. By no other writer or composer has this most beautiful of legends been so reverently treated, or given such a wonderful significance.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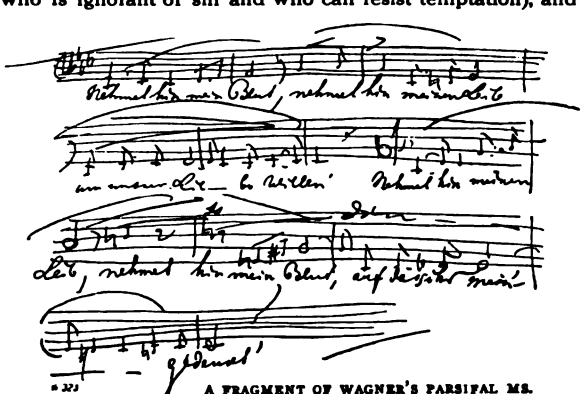
Ein Bühnenweihfestspiel von RICHARD WAGNER.

ORIGINAL PROGRAM OF PARSIFAL (BAYREUTH, 1882)

The events which are supposed to occur before the opening of the opera must be understood before a clear idea of the action of Wagner's work can be gained. *Titurel*, finding himself growing old, appoints his son, *Amfortas*, as his successor. Near the Castle of Monsalvat there lives *Klingsor*, a Knight, who, feeling himself growing old and wishing to atone for his sins, vainly tries to join the Order of the Grail, but without avail. In revenge, he consults an Evil Spirit and plots to bring about the downfall of the Knights. To this end he invokes the aid of a company of sirens, half women and half flowers, called flower girls, who dwell in a magic garden. One by one the Knights have fallen from grace because of the allurements of the flower maidens, until *Amfortas*, seeking to end these fatal enchantments, resolves to go himself, carrying the sacred Lance, which he is confident will be proof against the magic of the sirens. But, alas! he is not only defeated, but is wounded by the sacred Lance, which his enemy seizes and turns against him, making a wound which nothing can heal. The unhappy *Amfortas* returns to the Castle weighted with an eternal remorse and a perpetual agony from his wound, but is forced as head priest to continue to celebrate the Holy Rites, all the while feeling himself unworthy. In vain he seeks far and wide for a remedy for his wound and forgiveness for his sin, until one day in a vision he hears an invisible voice proclaim that only a guileless fool (*i. e.*, one who is ignorant of sin and who can resist temptation), and whom heavenly messengers will guide to Monsalvat, will be able to bring him relief.


A FRAGMENT OF WAGNER'S PARSIFAL MS.

*Amfortas'* downfall was brought about by a strange being, *Kundry*, who seems to have two natures. She appears alternately as a devoted servant of the Grail, and, when under the magic influence of *Klingsor*, as a woman of terrible beauty, who lures to their ruin all Knights who come within her power. This cursed existence is a punishment for a crime committed in a previous existence, when as *Herodias* she mocked at Christ on the cross.

PANEL BY STASSEN

GURNEMANZ:
Could'st thou do murder
Here in holy forest?
Why harmed thee that goodly Swan?

Suddenly a wild swan falls wounded at the feet of *Gurnemanz*, and two Knights appear dragging the innocent *Parsifal*, who had shot it, not knowing it was under the King's protection. He is reproached by *Gurnemanz* and questioned, but can tell little of himself. He remembers that his mother was called *Herzeleid* and lived in a forest. *Kundry*, whose attention is attracted, explains that the youth's father was *Gamuret*, and after his death in battle his mother took him away from the haunts of men lest he meet the same fate. She is now dead, and *Parsifal* is a wanderer.

The train of *Amfortas* again approaches, returning from the lake. *Gurnemanz* invites *Parsifal* to accompany them to the Castle, the thought having occurred to him that this strange youth may be the "guileless fool" who is to be the means of *Amfortas'* regeneration.

PANEL BY BEAUBE

PARSIFAL AND THE SWAN

COPY'T PACH BROS., N. Y.

THE TEMPLE OF THE GRAIL

## SCENE II—*The Castle Hall*

The two suddenly find themselves in a vast hall, filled with a strange light, while invisible bells are pealing. *Parsifal* is dazzled and fascinated by the wonderful sight, while he is carefully watched by *Gurnemanz*, who hopes to see signs of an awakening knowledge of his mission.

In the hall the Knights are preparing for the daily rites which occur before the Holy Grail. Then one of the most impressive scenes in the opera takes place. The unfortunate *Amfortas* is brought in on a couch and prepares to preside at the ceremony. In agony of mind and body, he endeavors to postpone the rites, but the voice of his aged father, *Titurel*, is heard from the dark chapel commanding him to proceed. *Amfortas*, in a heart-breaking plea, begs Heaven to permit him to die, to end his intolerable sufferings.

AMFORTAS:

No! Leave it unrevealed!
May no one, no one know the anguish dire
Awaked in me by that which raptures ye!
What is the wound and all its torture wild,
'Gainst the distress, the pangs of Hell,
In this high post—accurst to dwell!—
Woeful inheritance on me pressed,
I, only sinner 'mid the blessed,
The holy house to guard for others
And pray for blessings upon my purer brothers!
Oh, chast'ning—chast'ning dire! descended
From the Almighty One offended.
For grace and for compassion yearning
My panting heart is riven.
The hot and sinful blood doth surge,

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COURT OF KLINGSOR'S CASTLE

## ACT II

### SCENE—*Klingsor's Magic Castle*

In the inner keep of a tower open above; stone steps lead up to th mit and down into darkness below the stage, which represents th implements and necromatic appliances are seen. *Klingsor* is discovere on a rampart before a metal mirror.

KLINGSOR:
The time has come!
Lo! how my magic tow'
Yon fool who neareth,

He lights incense, which immediately fills part of the background He then reseats himself and calls toward the depth with mysterious ge

KLINGSOR:
Arise! Draw near to me!
Thy master calls thee, nameless woman:
She-Lucifer! Rose of Hades!
Herodias wert thou, an
Gundryggia there, Kun
Approach! Approach th
Thy master calls—appea

In the bluish light arises the form of *Kundry*. She is heard to utte half awakened from a deep sleep. She tries to resist him, but *Klingsor's* prevails. He tells her she must tempt *Parsifal*, who is now approaching

KLINGSOR (*wrathfully*):
Have a care!
One his contempt and scorn hath repented;
The stern one, strong in holiness,
By whom I once was spurned
His stock I've ruined:
Unredeemed shall the Relics' curator soon languish:
And soon—I feel it—
I shall possess the Grail.
Ha! ha!
How suited thy taste Amfortas the brave,
Whom to thee in rapture I gave?

KUNDRY: Oh!—Mis'ry—M
Weak e'en he! Weak—a
By my curse and with
All of them perish!
Oh, unending sleep,
Only release,
When—when shall I wi
KLINGSOR:
Ha! He who spurns th
So try't with yon boy w
KUNDRY: Oh woe's me! w
Awakened I for this?
Must I—must?

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"But Parsifal
Shunned their circle of entwining arms
With gentle gestures."—*Act II.*

DAMSELS (*laughing*):
If thou art friendly come more nigh.
Let kindness be accorded,
And thou shalt be rewarded:
For gold we do not play
But only for love's sweet pay.
Wouldst thou console us rightly
Then win it from us, and lightly.

Some have gone into the groves and now return in flower dresses, appearing like flowers themselves. They playfully quarrel for possession of *Parsifal,* who stands looking about him in quiet enjoyment of the scene. He finally gently repulses them, saying:

PARSIFAL:
Ye wild crowd of beautiful flowers,
If I am to play, ye must widen your bowers.

As they push closer to him he becomes angry and tries to flee, but his attention is suddenly arrested as *Kundry* calls, "Parsifal, tarry!" He stops in astonishment, saying:

PARSIFAL:
Parsifal . . .?
So once, when dreaming, my mother called me.
KUNDRY'S VOICE:
Here bide thee, Parsifal!
Where joy and gladness on thee shall fall.
Ye frivolous wantons, leave him in peace:
Flow'rs soon to be faded,
He came not here for your delight!
Go home, tend the wounded:
Lonely awaits you many a knight.

Gently laughing, they disappear into the Castle. The form of *Kundry* now becomes visible as a woman of exquisite beauty, reclining on a flowery couch.

PARSIFAL:
What callest thou me, who am nameless?
KUNDRY:
I named thee, foolish pure one, "Fal parsi,"—
Thou, guileless fool, art "Parsifal."
So cried, when in Arabia's land he expired,
Thy father, Gamuret, unto his son.

## Ich sah das Kind (I Saw the Child)

**By Margarete Matzenauer, Contralto** *In German* **88364 12-inch, $3.00**

Tenderly gazing at the now attentive youth, she begins, softly:

KUNDRY:
I saw the child upon its mother's breast;
Its infant lisping laughs yet in my ear:
Though filled with sadness,
How laughed then even Heart's Affliction,
When, shouting gladness,
It gave her sorrow's contradiction!
In beds of moss 'twas softly nested,
She kissed it till in sleep it rested:
With care and sorrow
The timid mother watched it sleeping;
It waked the morrow
Beneath the dew of mother's weeping.
All tears was she, encased in anguish,
Caused by thy father's death and love:
That through like hap thou shouldst not languish,
Became her care all else above.
Afar from arms, from mortal strife and riot,
Sought she to hide away with thee in quiet.
All care was she, alas! and fearing:
Never should aught of knowledge reach thy hearing.
Hear'st thou not still her lamenting voice,
When far and late thou didst roam?
For days and nights she waited,
And then her cries abated;
Her pain was dulled of its smart,
And gently ebbed life's tide;
The anguish broke her heart,
And—Heart's Affliction—died.

**Mme. Matzenauer, whose *Kundry* is one of her greatest impersonations, sings this number with exquisite tenderness and great beauty of voice.**

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the kiss which is to complete
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y breast lie sobbing,
ir together throbbing;
rom God and man to flee,
l and pardoned by thee!

I be damned with thee,
I forgot my holy mission,
s embracing!—
am I sent,
gs thou repent.
h shall end thy sorrow,
spring from which it flows:
thou never borrow,
pring in thee shall close.

/ his refusal, she calls for help. Fearing that he will escape, *Klingsor* and the flower maidens rush out of the Castle.

COPY'T MISHKIN

MATZENAUER AS KUNDRY

KLINGSOR (*poising a lance*):
Halt there! I'll ban thee with befitting gear:

COPY'T PACH BROS

GURNEMANZ'S HERMITAGE—ACT III

## ACT III

SCENE—*A spring landscape in the grounds of Monsalvat. At the back a small hermitage*

*Gurnemanz,* now an aged man, in hermit's dress but still wearing the tunic of a Knight of the Grail, comes out of the hut and listens. He then goes to a thicket and finds *Kundry* apparently lifeless, but she revives under his ministrations. She is dressed as in Act I, and soon arises and goes immediately, like a serving maid, to work. She enters the hut, procures a water jug which she fills at the spring. *Gurnemanz* watches her carefully, seeing signs of a change in her. *Parsifal* now enters from the wood in complete armor and seats himself. *Gurnemanz,* not recognizing him, reminds him that no armed knight is allowed in the sacred premises, and especially on this day, Good Friday. Without saying a word, *Parsifal* rises, removes his helmet, and kneels down in silent prayer. *Gurnemanz* in surprise, says softly to *Kundry:*

GURNEMANZ:
Dost know who 'tis? . . .
He who long since laid low the swan.
(*Kundry confirms him by a slight nod.*)
For sure 'tis he!
The fool whom in anger I dismissed.
Ha! by what path aye came he?
That Spear—I recognize!
(*In great emotion.*)
Oh!—holiest day,
To which my happy soul awakes!
(*Kundry has turned away her face.*)

*Parsifal* rises slowly from his prayer, gazes calmly around, recognizes *Gurnemanz,* and stretches out his hand to him in greeting.

PARSIFAL:
Thank Heaven that I again have found thee!

him and is confirmed in his belief that this is the one who is to
Grail brotherhood. He tells *Parsifal* of the sad state of affairs at

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knightly band.
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one I hid myself,
waiting,

To which my old commander has succumbed;
For Titurel, my cherished chief,
When he no more beheld the Grail's refulgence,
Expired,—a man like others!

PARSIFAL (*flinging up his arms in intense grief*):

And I—I 'tis,
Who all this woe have wrought!
Ha! what a grievous,
What a heinous guilt
Must then my foolish head
Forever be oppressed with!
If no atonement, expiation
My blindness e'er can banish!
I, who to save men was selected,
Must wander undirected;
All paths of safety from me vanish!

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COPY'T PACH BROS. PARSIFAL, KUNDRY AND GURNEMANZ ENTERING THE CASTLE—ACT III

COPY'T MISHKIN

WITHERSPOON AS GURNEMANZ

## Char-Freitags Zauber (Good Friday Spell)

**By Herbert Witherspoon, Bass**

*In German* **74144** **12-inch, $1.50**

GURNEMANZ: Thou see'st, that is not so.
The sad repentant tears of sinners
Have here with holy rain
Besprinkled field and plain,
And made them glow with beauty.
All earthly creatures in delight
At the Redeemer's trace so bright
Uplift their pray'rs of duty.
To see Him on the Cross they have no power:
And so they smile upon redeemed man,
Who, feeling freed, with dread no more doth cower,
Through God's love-sacrifice made clean and pure:
And now perceives each blade and meadow-flower
That mortal foot to-day it need not dread;
For, as the Lord in pity man did spare,
And in His mercy for him bled,
All men will keep, with pious care,
To-day a tender tread.
Then thanks the whole creation makes,
With all that flow'rs and fast goes hence
That trespass-pardoned Nature wakes
Now to her day of Innocence.

*Kundry* has slowly raised her head again, and gazes with moist eyes, earnestly and calmly beseeching *Parsifal*.

PARSIFAL:
I saw my scornful mockers wither:
Now look they for forgiveness hither?—
Like blessed sweet dew a tear from thee too floweth:
Thou weepest—see! the landscape gloweth.
(*He kisses her softly on the brow.*)

Distant bells are heard pealing, very gradually swelling.

GURNEMANZ:
Mid-day.
The hour has come:—
Permit, my lord, thy servant hence to lead
thee!

*Gurnemanz* has brought out a coat-of-mail and mantle of the Knights of the Grail, which he and *Kundry* put on *Parsifal*. The landscape changes very gradually, as in the first act. *Parsifal* solemnly grasps the Spear, and, with *Kundry*, follows ɜ. When the wood has disappeared and rocky entrances have pre-ch the three become invisible, processions of Knights in mourning arched passages, the pealing of bells ever increasing. At last the ›mes visible, just as in the first act, only without the tables. There ›ors open again, and from one side the Knights bear in *Titurel's* ›m the other his litter, pre-shrine of the in the middle; canopy where

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PARSIFAL HEALING AMFORTAS—ACT III

All have shrunk back in awe and *Amfortas* stands alone in fearful ecstasy. *Parsifal,* accompanied by *Gurnemanz* and *Kundry,* has entered unperceived, and now advancing, stretches out the Spear, touching *Amfortas'* side with the point.

PARSIFAL:
One weapon only serves:—
The one that struck
Can staunch thy wounded side.

*Amfortas'* countenance shines with holy rapture, and he totters with emotion, *Gurnemanz* supporting him.

PARSIFAL:
Be whole, unsullied and absolved!
For I now govern in thy place.
Oh, blessed by thy sorrows,
For Pity's potent might
And Knowledge's purest power
They taught a timid Fool.
The holy Spear—
Once more behold in this.

All gaze with intense rapture on the Spear which *Parsifal* holds aloft, while he looks steadfastly at its point and continues:

Oh, mighty miracle of bliss!—
This that through me thy wound restoreth.
With holy blood behold it poureth.

Which yearns to join the fountain glowing.
Whose pure tide in the Grail is flowing!
Hid be no more that shape divine:
Uncover the Grail! Open the shrine!

The boys open the shrine and *Parsifal* takes from it the Grail and kneels, absorbed in its contemplation, silently praying. The Grail glows with light, and a halo of glory pours down over all. *Titurel*, for the moment reanimated, raises himself in benediction in his coffin. From the dome descends a white dove and hovers over *Parsifal's* head. He waves the Grail gently to and fro before the upgazing Knights. *Kundry*, looking up at *Parsifal*, sinks slowly to the ground, dead. *Amfortas* and *Gurnemanz* do homage on their knees to *Parsifal*.

ALL (*with voices from the middle and extreme heights, so soft as to be scarcely audible*):
Wond'rous work of mercy:
Salvation to the Saviour!

(*The curtain falls.*)


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MISCELLANEOUS PARSIFAL RECORDS

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SCENE FROM PATIENCE

# PATIENCE, OR BUNTHORNE'S BRIDE

## COMIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Libretto by W. S. Gilbert; music by Sir Arthur Sullivan. First produced at the Opéra Comique, London, April 23, 1881. First American production at the Standard Theatre, New York, September 23, 1881. It was revived at the Herald Square Theatre, July 10, 1896; at the American Theatre, in March, 1900, by the Castle Square Opera Company; and recently at the Lyric Theatre in New York.

### Characters

With the Original American Cast

| | |
|---|---|
| REGINALD BUNTHORNE, a fleshly poet | Wm. White |
| ARCHIBALD GROSVENOR, an idyllic poet | James B. Key |
| LADY ANGELA, | Alice Burville |
| LADY SAPHIR, | Rose Chapelle |
| LADY ELLA, | Jennie Stone |
| LADY JANE, | Augusta Roche |
| (Rapturous maidens) | |
| PATIENCE, a dairy maid | Carrie Burton |
| COLONEL CALVERLY, | Wm. T. Carleton |
| MAJOR MURGATROYD, | Arthur Wilkinson |
| LIEUTENANT DUNSTABLE, | A. Cadwallader |
| (Officers of the Dragoon Guards) | |

Guards, Esthetic Maidens.

*Time and Place: Castle Bunthorne; the last century.*

Patience is Gilbert's famous satire on the esthetic craze of the early 80's, set to some of the most delightful of all Sullivan's music. This absurd school of estheticism, represented by Oscar Wilde and his imitators, did not long survive the witty ridicule which Gilbert aimed at it, and soon disappeared. The opera was one of the most successful of the Gilbert and Sullivan series, and well deserved its great vogue.

In the first act twenty love-sick maidens are sighing, and singing plaintively of their love for *Bunthorne*. *Patience*, a buxom milkmaid, appears and ridicules them, telling them the

cted shortly; but though the maidens doted upon the *Dragoons* a now. The *Guards* arrive, also *Bunthorne*, followed by the fair twenty, atever to the *Dragoons* but follow the poet, listening to his latest crea- *goons* leave in a rage. When alone *Bunthorne* confesses to himself *nce* appears, and the poet immediately makes love to her, but she *Lady Angela*, who tells her it is her duty to love some one. *Patience* vill not allow the day to go by without falling in love.

poet, and an old playmate of *Patience*, enters, and she promptly falls remains indifferent. *Bunthorne*, twined with garlands, enters, led by e to decide between them, puts himself up as the prize in a lottery, the drawing and announces that she will be his wife. She is eupon the fickle maidens transfer their affections to *Grosvenor*. This e, and he predicts that his rival shall "meet a horrible doom."

e second act we see a rather ancient damsel, *Jane*, mourning because of *Bunthorne*, who is content with a milkmaid. *Grosvenor* enters, o tells him that she still loves him but that her duty is toward *Bun-* with *Jane* clinging to him in spite of all his efforts to get rid of her. e at *Patience's* regard for the fleshly poet, he exits with *Jane*. eginning to make advances to the *Dragoons*, and the poets begin to *Bunthorne* asks *Grosvenor* how to make himself less attractive, and in a more commonplace manner. When the maidens find he has eclare they will do likewise. *Patience* deserts *Bunthorne* for *Grosvenor*, s among the *Dragoons*, and *Jane* goes over to the *Duke*, leaving onsolate.

y has given us a splendid medley of the airs of this delightful opera, ost interesting numbers, in abbreviated form, being included.

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enty Love-Sick Maidens We" — Male Chorus, "The Soldiers - Solo, "Love is a Plaintive Song" — Solo and Chorus, "A

(Italian) (English)

# PESCATORI DI PERLE PEARL FISHERS

(*Pes-kah-toh'-ree dee Pear'-leh*)

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Carré and Cormon. Music by Georges Bizet. First production at the Théâtre Lyrique, Paris, September 29, 1863. First London production, entitled "Leila," at Covent Garden, April 22, 1887; and as *Pescatori di Perle*, May 18, 1889. Recently revived at Covent Garden for Tetrazzini. First New York production January 11, 1896, at the Metropolitan Opera House, with Calvé.

**Characters**

LEILA, a priestess ..... Soprano
NADIR, a pearl fisher ..... Tenor
ZURGA, a chief ..... Baritone
NOURABAD, high priest ..... Bass
Priests, Priestesses, Pearl Fishers, Women, etc.

*Scene and Period: Ceylon; barbaric period.*

*Les Pêcheurs de Perles*, one of Bizet's earlier operas and the first one to achieve success, is a work dealing with an Oriental subject, and contains much music of charm and originality, showing traces of that dramatic force which reached its full development in *Carmen*. The character of the music, less passionate and highly colored than *Carmen*, is yet equally original and of even more striking beauty.

The story tells of the love of two Cingalese pearl fishers for the priestess *Leila*, and of the generosity of the unsuccessful rival, who helps the lovers to escape at the cost of his own life.

DUFRANNE AS ZURGA

### THE PRELUDE

The prelude is a most beautiful number, and considered one of the finest of Bizet's instrumental writings.

## Preludio (Prelude)

**By La Scala Orchestra *62100 10-inch, $0.75**

### ACT I

SCENE—*The Coast of Ceylon*

The rise of the curtain discloses a company of Cingalese pearl fishers, who, after choosing one of their number, *Zurga*, to be their chief, are enjoying themselves with games and dances. *Nadir* appears and *Zurga* recognizes him as a friend of his youth. They greet each other and speak of the days when they were rivals for the hand of a beautiful woman. *Nadir*, beginning the duet, recalls the moment when the friends first beheld the lovely *Leila*.

(Italian) (French)

## Del tempio al limitar (Au fond du têmple saint)

(English)

## (In the Depths of the Temple)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor, and Mario Ancona, Baritone**

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| | (*In Italian*) | 89007 | 12-inch, | $4.00 |
| **By Giorgini and Federici** | (*In Italian*) | 88319 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| **By Clement, Tenor, and Journet, Bass** | (*In French*) | 76022 | 12-inch, | 2.00 |
| **By John McCormack and G. Mario Sammarco** | (*Italian*) | 87082 | 10-inch, | 2.00 |
| **By Giuseppe Acerbi and Renzo Minolfi** | (*In Italian*) | *68063 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

**Double-Faced Record—See page 398.*

rain he describes the scene within the Temple of Brahma:

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goddess comes!"

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Lifts her veil, revealing
A face that haunts me still
With its beauty ethereal!

NADIR:
But now her veil she drops
And, passing through the wandering crowd
She disappears.
Now a strange emotion overpowers me,
I fear to touch thy hand.

ZURGA:
A fatal love both our souls possess.

r sudden realization of the fact that they had both fallen in love at and fearing their friendship was in danger, they swore never to see des, now pronouncing themselves entirely cured of their infatuation, dship and swear to be brothers to the end.

nters and announces the arrival of the mysterious veiled lady who ray for the success of the fisheries, and whom the Ceylonese have an saint. She enters and begins her prayer. *Nadir* recognizes her it is the priestess *Leila*. The pearl fishers sing a chorus of appeal to n which *Leila* joins.

## io (Divine Brahma!)

**billa, Soprano, and La Scala Chorus**

(*In Italian*) ***68062 12-inch, $1.25**

This is a most impressive record, the lovely voice of Mme. Brambilla showing to great advantage above the choral background.

*Leila* goes into the temple and the people disperse. *Nadir*, left alone, is agitated by his

## Siccome un di caduto (A Fugitive, One Day)

**By Giuseppina Piccoletti, Soprano** (*Piano acc.*) (*Italian*) ***68307 12-inch, $1.25**

The high priest sternly recites the punishment which will overtake her should she prove false to her vow. "Shame and death be thy portion!" cries the stern priest. Left alone, the miserable woman broods over her unhappy plight. Bound by an oath which she now regrets, and conscious of her love for *Nadir*, which may mean death for them both, she sinks down in an agony of despair. *Nadir* enters and asks her to fly with him, defying Brahma and the priests. She at first repulses him, but love is finally triumphant and the lovers rapturously embrace, while a fearful storm rages, unheeded, without the ruins.

This scene is expressed by a splendid duet, two records of which are given here for a choice.

## Non hai compreso un cor fedel (You Have Not Understood)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Fernando de Lucia, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **92054 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Giuseppina Piccoletti, Soprano, and Ivo Zaccari, Tenor** (*In Italian*) ***68062 12-inch, 1.25**

The lovers are surprised by *Nourabad*, and *Nadir* flees, closely pursued by the priests. He is captured and brought back, while *Zurga* is summoned to pronounce sentence on the guilty lovers. His friendship for *Nadir* moves him to mercy, and he spares their lives and bids them fly the country. As they go, however, the high priest tears the veil from *Leila*, and when *Zurga* realizes that it is the woman *Nadir* has sworn never to see, he is enraged and sentences them both to death.

### ACT III

SCENE I—*The Camp of Zurga*

*Zurga* is discovered alone, brooding over the impending death of his friend and the woman he loves. His mood of despair is interrupted by *Leila*, who appears at the entrance to his tent and asks him to dismiss the guards and speak with her alone. She asks mercy for *Nadir* in a dramatic aria.

## Temer non so per me (I Fear Not)

**By Emilia Corsi, Soprano**
(*In Italian*) ***63394 10-inch, $0.75**

She proudly refuses to plead for her own life, but begs that he spare the friend whom he loves. *Zurga* refuses and summons the guards to conduct her to execution.

SCENE II—*The Place of Execution*

The scene shows the wild spot where the funeral pile has been erected. *Leila* and *Nadir* are led in, and are about to mount the pyre when a red glow is seen in the sky, and *Zurga* enters crying that the camp is on fire, and bids the people fly to save their children and effects.

ZURGA:
The fire of Heaven has fallen,
The flame invades and destroys!
Run ye, there is yet time
To save your children from death.
(*The Indians run out in disorder.*)

DUPONT

MME. DE NUOVINA AS LEILA

**Double-Faced Record—See page 398.*

t *Leila, Nadir* and *Zurga,* and the high priest, who, suspecting a plot, *ırga* will say. The latter confesses that he kindled the fire in order nfastening their chains, he bids them escape, while *Nourabad* runs d *Leila* and *Nadir,* beginning the great trio, voice their gratitude.

## -Fascino etereo

**billa, Soprano; Giuseppe Acerbi, Tenor; Francesco itone** (*In Italian*) ***68063 12-inch, $1.25**

the generosity and greatness of ke of friendship has committed him his own life. He bids them go as the voices of the enraged ırning for vengeance. *Nourabad* ıe escape of the victims and for :amp.

*ointing to Zurga*):
aitor who aided their escape,
:tarted the devouring fire.
the people?

ıe traitor!

mount the funeral pyre, and as t him he cries:

ny friend!
ny Leila!
y their rage at last be satisfied,
give my life!

:ry glow reveals that the forest is

BIZET

(French)

# LA PERLE DU BRESIL

*(Pairl du Breh-zeel')*

(English)

# THE PEARL OF BRAZIL

## LYRICAL DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

Words by Gabriel and Sylvain Saint Étienne; music by Félicien David. First produced at the Théâtre Lyrique, Paris, November 22, 1851. Revived at the same theatre March, 1858, with Mme. Miolan-Carvalho; and at the Opéra Comique, 1883, with Emma Nevada as *Zora*.

### Characters

(With the Original Cast)

ZORA.....Mlle. Duez
LORENZ, her lover.....Soyer
ADMIRAL SALVADOR.....Bouché

Sailors, Brazilians, etc.

The Pearl of Brazil was David's first dramatic work, and is the story of *Zora*, a young girl whom *Admiral Salvador* found in Brazil, and whom he intends to educate and eventually to marry. They set sail from South America, but *Salvador* soon discovers that *Zora* has a lover, *Lorenz*, a young lieutenant, who has disguised himself as a sailor and is on board in order to be near his sweetheart. A storm arises and the ship is compelled to seek shelter in a harbor of Brazil. The natives attack the ship and almost overpower the sailors, when *Zora* chants a hymn to the Great Spirit, and the Brazilians, recognizing their compatriot, make peace. In gratitude for the young girl's act, which saved the lives of all on board, the *Admiral* gives his consent to her marriage with *Lorenz*.

The *Charmant oiseau* is the most beautiful number in David's opera, and is offered here by three celebrated sopranos. This is one of the most famous of colorature airs, and one of which colorature sopranos are very fond, as it exhibits to perfection the skill of the singers, showing to rare advantage the flexibility of the voice, especially in the duet with the flute, with its difficult runs.

## Charmant oiseau (Thou Charming Bird) *With flute obbligato*

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano** | *(In French)* | **88318** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Emma Calvé, Soprano** | *(In French)* | **88087** | **12-inch,** | **3.00** |
| **By Marie Michailowa, Soprano** | *(In Russian)* | **61130** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |

Delightful bird of plumage glowing
With sapphire and with ruby dyes,
'Mid the shade his rare beauty showing
Before our wonderstricken eyes;
When on the branch with blossoms trembling,
He poises swinging gay and bright,
His checkered pinions' gleams resembling
A many-colored prism of light.
How sweet is he, the Mysoli!

When day appears his joyful singing
Awakes the dawn's enchanted rest;
When evening falls his notes are ringing,
While fiery day fades from the west.
A-down the grove the silence doubles.
As now his plaintive dulcet lay,
That breathes of love's ecstatic troubles,
From out the tulip tree dies away.
How sweet is he, the Mysoli!

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# PIQUE DAME

*(Peek Dahm)*

OR

# IE QUEEN OF SPADES

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

schaikowsky, the composer's brother, taken from Puschkin's novel
sic by Peter Iltitsch Tschaikowsky. First production at St. Peters-
in Vienna, under Gustav Mahler, 1902; at La Scala, Milan, 1905-6;
ın, Goetz, Griswold and Grüning. First American production at the
ıuse, New York, March 5, 1910, in German, under Mahler, with
lma Gluck. This was the first production in America of any of
an odd fact in view of the great popularity of the composer's concert
Onegin" had previously been given in concert form.

### Characters

(Pique Dame) ..... Mezzo-Soprano
aughter ..... Soprano
..... Contralto
ıng officer ..... Tenor
ınd ..... Tenor
, betrothed to Lisa ..... Baritone

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*me and Place: St. Petersburg; eighteenth century.*

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SCENE FROM PIRATES OF PENZANCE

# THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

## OR

# THE SLAVE OF DUTY

### COMIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

Text by Sir W. S. Gilbert; music by Sir Arthur Sullivan. The first performance on any stage took place in New York, December 31, 1879, under the immediate supervision of Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Gilbert, the cast including J. H. Ryley, Signor Brocolini, Hugh Talbot, Frederic Clifton, Blanche Roosevelt and Alice Barnett. Produced at the Opéra Comique, London, April 3, 1880. Revived June 3, 1912, by Messrs. Shubert and W. A. Brady, with Eugene Cowles, Arthur Aldridge, George MacFarlane, De Wolf Hopper, Blanche Duffield and Josephine Jacoby.

**Characters**

MAJOR-GENERAL STANLEY ..... Baritone
PIRATE KING ..... Bass
SAMUEL, his lieutenant ..... Tenor
FREDERIC, the pirate apprentice ..... Tenor
SERGEANT OF POLICE ..... Bass
MABEL, EDITH, KATE, ISABEL — General Stanley's daughters ..... Sopranos
RUTH, a pirate maid-of-all-work ..... Contralto

Pirates, Police, etc.

*Time and Place: The scene is laid on the coast of Cornwall; time, the present.*

## )F THE OPERA—THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

; SERGEANT OF POLICE

The Pirates, as it is familiarly called, is one of the very few operas of note to have its first production in America. This unusual step was taken to protect the rights of the composers and publishers in American representations of the work.

The first act was written and the entire opera scored in this country, and the work was not published until after Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan had returned to England. This prevented the work from being virtually stolen, as was Pinafore, the authors having been cheated out of their royalties on that opera because of the many unauthorized versions.

Gilbert's delightfully whimsical story tells of *Frederic*, apprenticed when a child to the *Pirates of Penzance*, who were very gentle with orphans for the reason that they themselves were orphans!

### ACT I

The *Pirates* are celebrating the twenty-first birthday of *Frederic*, who, tiring of a piratical career, is about to leave them to seek another occupation. *Ruth*, a "female rry her, and as she is the only woman he has known, he consents, n that she is "a fine figure of a woman."

*'rederic* meets *General Stanley's* daughters, who have come to this g, and falls in love with *Mabel*, the youngest. The *Pirates* capture

(Italian) **IL PROFETA** (*Eel Pro-feh'-tah*)

(French) **LE PROPHÈTE** (*Leh Pro-feh't'*)

(English) **THE PROPHET**

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

Text by Scribe. Music by Giacomo Meyerbeer. First presented in Paris, April 16, 1849. First London production July 24, 1849. First American production at the New Orleans Opera, April 2, 1850. First New York production November 25, 1854. Revived at the Manhattan Opera in 1909 with d'Alvarez, Lucas and Walter-Villa.

### Characters

JOHN OF LEYDEN, (*Ly'-den*) the Prophet, chosen leader of the Anabaptists . . Tenor
BERTHA, his sweetheart . . . . . Soprano
FIDÈS, (*Fee'-dayz*) mother of John of Leyden . . . . . Mezzo-Soprano
COUNT OBERTHAL, ruler of the domain about Dordrecht . . . . . Bass
ZACHARIAH, JONAS, MATHISEN, } three Anabaptist preachers . . . . . { Bass, Tenor, Bass
Nobles, Citizens, Peasants, Soldiers, Prisoners.

*Scene and Period: Holland and Germany; in 1543, at the time of the Anabaptist uprising.*

COPYT DUPONT

ALVAREZ AS THE PROPHET

Meyerbeer's great work is certainly entitled to be called a grand opera, for it is grand to the utmost in theme, character and scenes; and with its brilliant and impressive music, at the time of its production sixty years ago was a model of its kind, as opera-goers demanded melodramatic action, tuneful music and opportunity for ballet; and all these requirements are fully met with in Le Prophète.

The plot is based on the Anabaptist fanaticism of the sixteenth century, which agitated a large part of Germany and Holland, and the leader of which was one Bockelson, commonly called John of Leyden.

## ACT I

SCENE—*A Suburb of Dordrecht, Holland*

The story furnished by the librettists describes *John* as the son of the widow *Fidès*, an innkeeper of Leyden. At the opening of the opera he is about to wed *Bertha*, an orphan. She, being a vassal of the *Count Oberthal*, is obliged to ask his permission before marrying, and goes with *Fidès*, *John's* mother, to beg the Count's consent. The Count, struck with the young girl's beauty, covets her for himself, refuses his consent and orders *Fidès* and *Bertha* into the castle.

## ACT II

SCENE—*The Inn of John in the Suburbs of Leyden*

Three Anabaptists enter and being astonished at the resemblance of *John* to the portrait of the guardian saint, *David*, at Munster, they try to induce him to become their leader. He refuses, but tells them of a strange dream he has had.

JOHN: Under the vast dome of a splendid temple
I stood—the people at my feet were prostrate—
The royal coronal adorn'd my brow!

The Anabaptists declare that Heaven has spoken in the dream, and promise that he shall yet be a ruler; but *John's* thoughts turn to his beloved *Bertha*, and in the beautiful *Pastorale* he tells them that another and sweeter life calls to him.

ANN HEINK AS FIDES

JOHN:
Oh, there's a sweeter empire, far,
Which long has been my guiding star;
Oh, thou my joy, my greatest gain,
If in thy faithful heart I reign!
For me, the proudest kingdom,
Less than this thatch'd roof
My hopes would bless,
Sweet home of calm felicity,
Where I would gladly live and die,
Where Bertha will forever prove
Alike my bosom's queen and love!

***Bertha,*** **who has escaped from the castle, now runs in, asking *John* to save her. She is concealed by him as the Count's soldiers enter and threaten to kill *Fidès* unless *John* delivers up the maiden. To save his mother's life he is forced to yield, and sees his bride carried off to become the Count's mistress.**

***Fidès,*** **in her gratitude, sings this most dramatic and intense of Meyerbeer's airs, which has attained a world-wide popularity.**

## Ah, mon fils! (Ach, mein Sohn!) (Ah, My Son!)

**By Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Contralto** (*In French*) **88187 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Margarete Ober, Contralto** (*In German*) **74397 12-inch, 1.50**

OBER AS FIDÈS

FIDÈS:
Ah, my son! Blessed be thou!
Thy loving mother to thee was dearer
Than was Bertha, who claim'd thy heart!
Ah, my son! For thou, alas,
Thou dost give for thy mother more than life,
For thou giv'st all the joy of thy soul!
Ah, my son! now to heav'n my pray'r ascends
for thee;
My son, blessed be forever more!

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***John,*** **left by his mother to bitter thoughts, hears the Anabaptists in the distance, and resolves to join them as a means of vengeance on the Count. The three conspirators enter and are addressed by *John:***

JOHN:
When in my dreams I thought of supreme
power,
Did you not say follow us,
And you shall reign?
FIRST ANABAPTIST:
And again we offer thee
A crown to be a king.
JOHN:
What must I do for this?
Speak, and I will quickly follow you.
FIRST ANABAPTIST:
Groaning beneath the yoke of tyranny,
The sons of our land await with ardor
The coming of the one to set them free.
In the name of the Prophet, who is promised
them
By Heaven, and who is found in thee.

JOHN:
Can I then destroy my enemies?
ANABAPTISTS:
At thy word they shall be
Destroyed in an instant.
JOHN:
And shall I be able to destroy Oberthal?
ANABAPTISTS:
In an instant.

**The compact is soon made and they depart, leaving some blood-stained garments to lead *Fidès* to believe *John* has been slain by the Count's assassins.**

### ACT III

SCENE—*Camp of Anabaptists in the Westphalia Forest*

**The city of Munster is about to be besieged by the rebels, and before proceeding to the charge, *John,* now the *Prophet,* and in command of the rebels, makes them kneel and pray for victory. They chant the *Miserere,* and *John* sings this noble *Inno* or hymn.**

## Re del cielo e dei beati (Triumphal Hymn, "King of Heaven")

**By Francesco Tamagno, Tenor** (*Piano acc.*) (*In Italian*) **95005 10-inch, $5.00**
**By Antonio Paoli, Tenor, and La Scala Chorus** (*Italian*) **91080 10-inch, 2.00**
**By Luigi Colazza, Tenor** (*Double-faced—See p. 409*) (*Italian*) **16578 10-inch, .75**

JOHN:
King of Heaven and of the angels,
I will praise Thee,
Like David, Thy servant.
A voice I heard—"Array thyself,
And safely on I will guide thee."
Praise to the Omnipotent!
Yes, victory is on our side,
Let's unfurl the sacred flag,
He whom we serve is Lord
Of Heaven and earth.
Let's sing and march away.
The eye of Heaven will watch over us,
A supreme power will guide us!
With songs of joy—with shouts of glory—
On—on to Munster!

## ACT IV

SCENE I—*A Public Square in Munster*

captured the city. The *Prophet* is received with mixed feelings, s an impostor. *Fidès*, reduced to beggary, meets *Bertha*, who has and come to Munster to seek *John*. *Fidès* tells her *John* is dead, and *phet* is respon- ıgeance.

*ter Cathedral*

hedral scene is t brilliant com- triking contrast so gloomy with anaticism, and pageantry with pealing bells, stately Corona- been equaled.

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**r's Band**
**12-inch, $1.00**

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o the church,

BU GUY, PARIS JOHN THE PROPHET

*Fidès* then begins the second part of her great scene.

FIDÈS (*joyfully*):
He comes!
I shall see him, delightful hope!
Oh, truth! daughter of heaven,
May thy flame, like lightning,
Strike the soul of an ungrateful son.
Celestial flame restore to him calmness!
Restore, bless'd Heaven, his guardian angel!
Immortal grace, Oh! conq'ring come;
With thy pure love his heart reprove;
Tho' he be guilty, save him now
From that dark abyss which threatens to engulf him;
Let thy light pierce this ingrate son,
Conscience riv'n, his soul soften,
Like brass in furnace fierce,
That he may ascend and reign in Heav'n!

When *John* enters, *Fidès* denounces the bloody deeds of the Anabaptists and calls on her son to repent and renounce his false robes.

FIDÈS:
But thou, whom the world detests,
Yes, thou, braving Heaven's behests;
Thou, whose fell hand is reeking with blood;
Go thou, my son no longer now!
Far from my heart, far from my eyes—
Blood-stain'd, go!

*John* confesses his sins and pleads for forgiveness, finally kneeling and receiving her blessing, just as a faithful officer enters and informs *John* that the Anabaptists are plotting to deliver him to the Emperor's forces, which are marching on the city.

*Bertha* enters through a secret passage, revealed to her by her grandfather, who was once keeper of the palace. She has resolved to blow up the palace and the false Prophet, and is horrified to learn that *John* is the *Prophet*. She denounces him for his crimes, and declaring she has no longer reason to live, stabs herself.

*John*, in despair, resolves to die with his enemies, and sending away his mother, plans to have the palace set on fire, and goes to the banquet hall.

## SCENE II—*The Great Hall of the Palace*

After the Emperor's forces have entered, crying, "Death to the Prophet," *John* orders the gates closed. An explosion occurs and the palace falls, carrying down to death *John* and all his enemies.

OBERTHAL:
You are my prisoner!
JOHN:
Nay, ye are all *my* captives!
(*An explosion takes place, the walls fall and flames spread on every side.*)
JOHN (*to Gione and Oberthal*):
Thou, traitor! and thou, tyrant! shalt perish with me;
Justice has sealed our doom;
I am the instrument,
We, all guilty, are all punished!
(*A woman with dishevelled hair rushes through the ruins into John's arms. He recognizes his mother.*)
JOHN:
My mother!
FIDÈS:
Yes, receive my pardon; I will die with thee!
FIDÈS AND JOHN:
Welcome, sacred flame!
To yon celestial sphere may our souls take flight!
Adieu!
(*As the flames mount about them the curtain falls.*)

## DOUBLE-FACED PROPHET RECORDS

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| **Fantasie from Prophet** / *Barber of Seville Selection* | By Pryor's Band / *By Pryor's Band* | 35125 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| **Re del cielo (King of Heaven)** / *William Tell Ballet Music—Part III* | By Luigi Colazza, Tenor / *By Pryor's Band* | 16578 | 10-inch, .75 |

(English)

# 'ANI THE PURITANS

*V-nee)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

poli; music by Vincenzo Bellini. First presented at the *Théâtre* ', 1835, with a famous cast—Grisi, Rubini, Tamburini and Lablache. King's Theatre, May 21, 1835, under the title of *Puritani ed i Cavalieri.* :tion, February 3, 1844. Produced at the New Orleans Opera, in 1906 at the Manhattan Opera, with Pinkert, Bonci and Arimondi, :ini, Severina, Constantino and de Segurola.

### Characters

WALTON, Puritan ..... Bass
:itan ..... Bass
TALBOT, Cavalier ..... Bass
RTH, Puritan ..... Baritone
ERTSON, Puritan ..... Tenor
FRANCE, widow of Charles I ..... Soprano
of Lord Walton ..... Soprano
ıs, Soldiers of Cromwell, Heralds and Men-at-Arms of Lord untrymen and Women, Damsels, Pages and Servants.

*England in the neighborhood of Plymouth, in the period preceding ıpeachment and execution of Charles I by Parliament.*

mmerstein's revival in 1906, *Puritani* had not been given in America

SCENE II—*Elvira's Room in the Castle*

The next scene shows *Elvira's* apartment, where her uncle, *Sir George*, in a fine air, tells her that he has persuaded her father to consent to her marriage with *Arthur*.

## Sorgea la notte (The Night Was Growing Dark)

**By Perelló de Segurola, Bass** (*Double-Faced*) (*In Italian*) **55007 12-inch, $1.50**

ANCONA AS SIR RICHARD

The night was growing dark,
And Heav'n and earth were silent,—
Favorable the sad hour,
Thy pray'rs gave courage to my soul,
And to thy sire I went.

Thus I began,—"My brother"—
"Your angel-like Elvira
Is for the valiant Arthur pining—
Should she another wed,
Oh, wretched one! she dies!"

Said thy father
"She is to Richard promised!"
"Thy unhappy child," repeated I, "will die."
"Oh! say not so," he cried,
"I must yield, let Elvira live,—
Ah! may she be happy—
Let her live in love!"

*Elvira* is overjoyed, and expresses her gratitude. Trumpets are now heard, and *Elvira's* surprise is complete when *Lord Arthur* arrives, attended by squires and pages, and bearing nuptial presents, prominent among which is a splendid white veil, soon to play an important part in the events to come.

Shortly after his arrival *Arthur* discovers that the widow of *Charles I* is in the castle under sentence of death, and his sense of duty toward the late Queen impels him to contrive her escape by concealing her in *Elvira's* veil, the guards thinking it is the bride. The escape is soon discovered and *Elvira*, supposing that her lover has deserted her on the eve of her bridal day, becomes insane. All denounce *Arthur* and swear to be revenged.

### ACT II

SCENE—*The Puritan Camp*

Act II shows the camp of the Puritan forces. *Sir George* announces that Parliament has condemned *Arthur* to death for aiding in the escape of the late Queen. *Elvira* enters, demented, and sings her famous air, much like the Mad Scene in Lucia.

## Qui la voce (In Sweetest Accents)

**By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88105 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Frieda Hempel, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **87179 10-inch, 2.00**

She recalls her first meeting with *Arthur* and repeats the vows he swore.

ELVIRA:
It was here in accents sweetest,
He would call me—he calls no more!
Here affection swore he to cherish,
That dream so happy, alas! is o'er!
We no more shall be united,
I'm in sorrow doomed to sigh,
Oh, to hope once more restore me,
Or in pity I die! (*Her mood changes.*)
'Tis no dream, my Arthur, oh, my love!
Ah, thou art smiling—thy tears thou driest,
Fond Hymen guiding, I quickly follow!
(*Dancing toward Richard*)
Come to the altar!

Elvira's father and Sir George try in vain to calm her, but she knows them not and continues to call for her lover in another florid air:

## Vien diletto (Come, Dearest, Come)

**By Frieda Hempel, Soprano** **88470 12-inch, $3.00**

g that the sight of her lover will restore her reason, begs *Sir Richard* ı. *Richard* consents, provided he returns helpless and in peril, but s against his country he shall die. *Sir George* agrees to this, and in *rumpet* they pledge themselves to fight together for their country.

## (Sound the Trumpet)

**ato, Baritone, and Marcel Journet, Bass**

(*In Italian*) **89056 12-inch, $4.00**

often sung in concert, has been aptly described as a "stentorian" ly a most vigorous piece of declamation, and if the loyalty of *Sir* an be judged by the vigor of the usual rendition, they are loyal

SIR RICHARD AND SIR GEORGE:
Sound, sound the trumpet loudly!
Bravely we'll meet the foemen,
'Tis sweet affronting death!
Bold love of country aiding,
The victor's wreath unfading,
Will unto us be proudly
Restor'd by Love and Faith!
Morn! rising on a nation,
Whose only trust is freedom—
Will bring us eternal fame!
Earth's tyrants who dissemble,
At the war-message tremble,
Midst the world's execration
They sink in endless shame!

**:new their pledge as to *Arthur*, saying:**

SIR GEORGE:
All is now concluded,
If Arthur is defenceless—
RICHARD:
He'll find support and succor.
SIR GEORGE:

(Italian) (English)

# REGINA DI SABA QUEEN OF SHEBA

*(Ray-jee'-nah dee Sah'-bah)*

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Text by Mosenthal, founded upon the Biblical mention of the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon. Music by Goldmark. First production 1875, in Vienna. In New York December 2, 1885, with Lehmann and Fischer. English version given by the National Opera Company in 1888. Given November 29, 1889, at the Metropolitan with Lehmann, which was the last New York production until the revival in 1905, with Walker, Rappold, Knote and Van Rooy

### Characters

KING SOLOMON ..... Baritone
HIGH PRIEST ..... Bass
SULAMITH, his daughter ..... Soprano
ASSAD, Solomon's favorite ..... Tenor
QUEEN OF SHEBA ..... Mezzo-Soprano
ASTAROTH, her slave (a Moor) ..... Soprano

Priests, Singers, Harpists, Bodyguards, Women of the Harem, People.

*Scene: Jerusalem and vicinity.*

Mosenthal's story tells of the struggle of *Assad*, a courtier of *Solomon*, against fleshly temptation, and of his final victory which involves the sacrifice of the happiness of his betrothed, *Sulamith*.

For this text Goldmark furnished some of the most beautiful and sensuous music in the entire range of opera, and it is an interesting detail that after he had finished his opera and had submitted it to the Imperial Opera, Vienna, it was not accepted on the ground that it was too "exotic"! Later, through the influence of Princess Hohenlohe, it was presented and was a great success.

### ACT I

The wisdom and fame of *Solomon* having reached even distant Arabia, the *Queen of Sheba* decides to visit him, and a favorite courtier, *Assad*, has been sent to meet her and escort her to the city. When *Assad* arrives with the Queen, his betrothed, *Sulamith*, is astonished to find him pale and embarrassed, and trying to avoid her. *Assad* afterward confesses to *Solomon* that he had met a beautiful woman at Lebanon and had fallen in love with her. When the *Queen of Sheba* arrives and removes her veil, *Assad* is astounded to recognize in her the mysterious woman who had captured his senses. Involuntarily he rushes toward her, but she coldly repulses him and passes on with the King.

### ACT II

In Act II the Queen discovers that she loves *Assad*, and seeing him in the garden, bids her maid attract his attention with a weird Oriental song. *Assad* starts when he hears the mysterious air, as it seems to bring back memories of the night at Lebanon. He sings his beautiful air, *Magic Tones*.

## Magiche note (Magic Tones!)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** *(In Italian)* **87041 10-inch, $2.00**

A lovely melody, sung at first in *mezzo-voce*, develops gradually until the intense and passionate climax is reached.

The Queen and *Assad* soon meet and confess their love for each other, but are interrupted by the arrival of the night guard.

### ACT III

In the next scene the Court assembles for the wedding of *Sulamith* and *Assad*, but *Assad* insults his bride and declares his love for the Queen. He is banished from Jerusalem and finally dies in the arms of *Sulamith*, who is crossing the desert on her way to a convent.

SOLOMON RECEIVING THE QUEEN—ACT I

h) (English)

# DE SABA QUEEN OF SHEBA

*Sah-bah')*

SCENE II—*Square in front of the Temple*

The *Queen* arrives and is welcomed by *King Solomon* and the people. *Adoniram* is presented to her as one of Palestine's great artists, and she seems greatly impressed by the handsome young sculptor.

## ACT II

SCENE—*Moulding Room of Adoniram's Studio*

*King Solomon* and the *Queen* have promised to come and see the final casting of *Adoniram's* masterpiece, and he is preparing for this event when *Benoni* enters hurriedly and reveals the plot of the workmen, who have stopped the channels so that the melted bronze cannot flow. His information comes too late, and the molten mass overflows, apparently ruining the statue.

## ACT III

SCENE—*Open place on the Feiche*

*Adoniram* meets the *Queen of Sheba* here, and she confesses her love for him. He is at first inclined to repel her advances, but soon falls under the spell of her fascinations and clasps her in his arms. He tells her that he also is of her race, the Nimrod. The faithful *Benoni* hurriedly enters in search of *Adoniram*, telling him that in spite of the plot of the workmen the moulding of his statue has been successful.

## ACT IV

SCENE—*The Great Hall of Solomon's Palace*

*Adoniram* is received by *Solomon* and the Court and proclaimed the greatest sculptor of the time. All leave the hall except *Solomon* and the *Queen*, who gives a sign to her maid, *Sarahil*, to bring a draught which she presents to *Solomon*. He soon falls asleep at the feet of the *Queen*, who takes the ring from his finger and leaves the Palace.

## ACT V

SCENE—*The Valley of Hebron*

*Adoniram* and the *Queen* have planned to fly together, and are already approaching the meeting place, when three of *Adoniram's* discontented workmen, bent on revenge, set upon and stab him. The *Queen* hurries to his side and falls on his body, cursing his murderers and *Solomon*.

The Victor has selected two numbers from Gounod's opera which are worthy of preservation—the first being the splendid recitative and air, *Lend Me Your Aid*, sung by Evan Williams; the second the *Sous les pieds* by Journet and Witherspoon.

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# Queen of Sheba Records

## Lend Me Your Aid

**By Evan Williams, Tenor** (*In English*) **64096 10-inch, $1.00**

Lend me your aid, Oh race divine,
Fathers of old to whom I've pray'd,
Spirits of pow'r, be your help mine,
Lend me your aid, Fathers of old
To whom I've pray'd, O lend your aid!
Oh grant that my wild dream be not vain,
That future time shall owe to me
A work their bards will sing in their strain,
Tho' Chaos still an iron sea!

From the caldron the molten wave
Soon will flow into its mould of sand,
And ye, O sons of Tubal Cain,
Fire, Oh fire my soul, and guide my hand!
Lend me your aid, Oh race divine,
Fathers of old to whom I've pray'd,
Spirits of pow'r, be your help mine,
Lend me your aid!

## Sous les pieds d'une femme (She Alone Charmeth My Sadness)

**By Marcel Journet, Bass** (*In French*) **74269 12-inch, $1.50**
**By Herbert Witherspoon, Bass** (*In French*) **74277 12-inch, 1.50**

(English)

# TORE THE SHEPHERD KING

## RAMATIC CANTATA IN TWO ACTS

Text by Metastasio; music by Mozart. First production Salzburg, April 23, 1775. The libretto is the one used for Bono's opera of the same name, given in Vienna in 1751.

### Characters

ALESSANDRO, King of Macedonia.

AMINTA, shepherd descendant of the Kings of Sidon and lover of Elisa.

ELISA, shepherdess.

TAMIRI, fugitive princess, daughter of the tyrant Stratone.

AGENOR, noble of Sidon, lover of Tamiri and friend of Alessandro.

The opera of "Il Rè Pastore" was written by Mozart in honor of the Archduke Maximilian, the composer having been ordered to produce the work for the entertainment of the Archduke during his visit to Salzburg in 1775.

The story tells of the capture of Sidon, the

KARNAC CHALLENGES MYLIO—ACT I

(French) (English)

# LE ROI D'YS THE KING OF YS

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS AND FIVE TABLEAUX

Text by Édouard Blau; music by Édouard Lalo. First production at the Opéra Comique, Paris, May 7, 1888, with Talazac, Bouvet, Cobalet, Fournets, Deschamps and Simonnet. The opera made a great success and was awarded the *Académie* prize of three thousand francs. It had its hundredth representation in Paris, May 7, 1889, and is still in the repertory of the Opéra Comique. First, and probably only American production, at the New Orleans Opera, January 23, 1890, with Furst, Balleroy, Geoffroy, Rossi, Leavinson and Beretta.

### Characters

THE KING.....

MARGARET, ROZENN, } his daughters.....

MYLIO, a Knight.....

PRINCE OF KARNAC, at war with the King.....

People, Soldiers, Gentlemen of the Court, Ladies, Horsemen, Retainers

*Time and Place: Armorica (Ancient Brittany); Middle Ages.*

After a life of constant struggle and much hard work, Lalo, at the age of sixty-five, succeeded in having his Le Roi d'Ys produced in Paris, where it met with much success; but it was only in recent years that this composer's true position in music has been recognized. A bust was recently erected at Lille, his birthplace, and at the foot of the pedestal are represented *Rozenn, Margaret* and *Mylio,* the three chief characters in Le Roi d'Ys, which is regarded in France as the composer's best work.

Blau's libretto is based on an old legend about the flooding of the ancient Armorican city of Is, or, as Blau called it, "Ys." The King of Ys is at war with his neighbor, the *Prince of Karnac.* His daughters, *Margaret* and *Rozenn,* both loved a Knight, *Mylio,* but he is supposed to have died in battle. The King has bargained with *Karnac,* proposing that he shall wed *Margaret,* and thus end the exhausting war. The Princess does not relish the thought of this alliance, and when *Mylio* proves to be still alive she decides to wed him even at the cost of her father's kingdom. *Karnac* is enraged at the insult and challenges *Mylio* to a duel. The King agrees to give his other daughter, *Rozenn,* to the victor. *Mylio* wins and *Margaret,*

## K OF THE OPERA—THE KING OF YS

STATUE OF SAINT CORENTIN WARNING KARNAC—ACT II

ould possess *Mylio*, induces *Karnac* to flood the city by opening the out the sea. When the water begins rising the King and his family *ac* taking the reluctant *Margaret* with him. As they watch the floods

HANS MAKART — THE THEFT OF THE RHINEGOLD

(German) **DAS RHEINGOLD** (English) **THE RHINEGOLD**

*(Dahss Rine'-goldt)*

## MUSIC DRAMA IN FOUR SCENES

**Words and music by Richard Wagner. First produced at Munich, September 22, 1869. First American production January 4, 1889, with Fischer and Alvary. Annual performances given at the Metropolitan in recent years with many famous artists: Soomer, Reiss, Jörn, Goritz, Burrian, Ober, Fremstad, Ruysdael, Witherspoon, Matzenauer, Homer, etc.**

**Characters**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WOTAN, (*Vo'-tahn*) | Gods | Baritone |
| DONNER, (*Dohn'-ner*) | Gods | Bass |
| FRÖH, (*Froh*) | Gods | Tenor |
| LOGI, (*Low'-jee*) | Gods | Tenor |
| FASOLT, (*Fah-zohlt*) | Giants | Bass |
| FAFNER, (*Fahf'-ner*) | Giants | Bass |
| ALBERICH, (*Ahl'-ber-ik'h*) | Nibelungs (Gnomes) | Baritone |
| MIME, (*Mee'-meh*) | Nibelungs (Gnomes) | Tenor |
| FRICKA, (*Frik'-ah*) | Goddesses | Soprano |
| FREIA, (*Fry'-ah*) | Goddesses | Soprano |
| ERDA, (*Air'-dah*) | Goddesses | Contralto |
| WOGLINDE, (*Vog-lin'-d'h*) | Nymphs of the Rhine | Soprano |
| WELLGUNDE, (*Vell-goon'-d'h*) | Nymphs of the Rhine | Soprano |
| FLOSSHILDE, (*Floss-hill'-d'h*) | Nymphs of the Rhine | Contralto |

***Rheingold*** **is not a "society" opera. Played in complete darkness and with no intermissions during the two hours required for its presentation, it is a work only for real music-lovers who understand something of the story and appreciate Wagner's wonderful music.**

**This first part of the *Ring* is an introduction to the *Trilogy* proper, and a full understanding of its incidents is necessary to properly appreciate the other *Ring* operas.**

### SCENE I—*The Bottom of the Rhine*

**The stage is in semi-darkness, representing the murky depths of the Rhine, and the light glimmering on the surface of the water above shows but faintly the three Rhine maidens guarding the *Rhinegold*.**

**They sing their quaint song, as they float about the treasure rock:**

MOTIVE OF THE RHINE MAIDENS

*Alberich*, prince of the *Nibelungs*, a strange race of dwarfs who dwell deep in the earth, observes the beauty of the maidens and tries to make love to them. They laugh at him and evade with ease his clumsy endeavors to catch them. Suddenly, as the sun rises, the gleam of the *Rhinegold* is seen. *Alberich*, dazzled by the splendor of this glow, asks what it is, and the maidens foolishly inform him that whoever can secure this treasure and form it into a ring can become lord of all the world. One condition, however, is that the possessor cannot wield this power unless he renounces forever the joys of love.

*Alberich*, having failed in his amorous attempts towards the *Naiads*, now conceives an ambition for power. He cries, "Then love I renounce forever," and swimming to the rock, he tears the gold from its place and flees, while from the complete darkness which ensues comes the dwarf's mocking laughter and the wailing of the maidens who are moaning for their lost treasure.

HUGO BRAUNE

WOTAN:
"Tis ended—the infinite work!
A heavenly mansion * * *
Stands it in sight
Grand and glorious pile!
(Act I.)

SCENE II—*A Mountain Top, Showing the Castle of Walhalla*

During this darkness the scene changes and as the stage becomes lighter we see *Walhalla*, the abode of the gods, a wonderful castle built for *Wotan* by the giants. *Wotan* and his wife are lying asleep on a flowery bank, but soon wake and see the castle which has been built while they slept. *Wotan* is overjoyed at the glorious sight, but the more practical *Fricka* reminds him of the price which he had agreed to pay the giants for this godly dwelling; this being the surrender of *Freia*, goddess of youth and beauty. *Wotan* tells her that he never intended to keep his agreement, the god *Loge* having promised to show him a way to evade payment.

GORITZ AS ALBERICH AND REISS AS MIME

*Freia* now hastily enters, closely pursued by the giants *Fasolt* and *Fafner*, who call upon *Wotan* to deliver the goddess to them as agreed. *Wotan* repudiates his promise, saying that it was made only in jest.

WOTAN:
How sly to take for truth
What only in sport we had settled!
This beauteous goddess, light and bright,
What use to you are her charms?

*Fröh* and *Donner*, *Fricka's* brothers, enter, also *Loge*, and a long argument ensues, *Wotan* finally realizing that he must give up *Freia* to

the giants. *Loge*, however, tells them of the *Rhinegold*, saying that if this treasure could be stolen from *Alberich* by *Wotan*, it might be accepted by the giants in place of *Freia*. *Wotan* refuses to entertain this plan and the giants seize *Freia* and carry her off, declaring that if the *Rhinegold* is not in their hands by night the original bargain must stand, and *Freia* be lost to the gods forever.

Left alone, the gods realize the serious predicament they are in, especially as it is seen that, deprived of their youth goddess, they are suddenly aging. *Wotan* thereupon decides to secure the *Nibelungs'* gold, and goes with *Loge* in search of *Alberich*. A vapor arises from the earth, concealing the stage, and when it disappears the scene has changed.

SCENE III—*Alberich's Cave*

*Alberich*, since he has acquired the *Rhinegold*, has become more arrogant and cruel than ever, and compels *Mime* and the other *Nibelungs* to continually toil and slave to bring him in more gold. At the beginning of the scene he is berating *Mime* for loitering over his task of making a *Tarnhelm*, or magic cap, fashioned from the *Rhinegold*, and which gives the wearer the power to become invisible. *Wotan* and *Loge* now enter on this scene and are rudely

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BATTLE OF THE GIANTS—SCENE IV

He lays a frightful curse on the Ring, predicting that it will bring misery and death to each possessor until it is restored to him again, and then vanishes.

*Wotan*, who has paid little attention to his cursing, dons the Ring, gazing at it in admiration. The giants now return for their pay, and demand that enough gold shall be piled around *Freia* to hide her completely from sight. This is done, but when all the gold is piled up *Fafner* says there is still one small crevice visible, and insists that it be filled with the Ring. *Wotan* refuses, and the giants are about to seize *Freia* again, when *Erda*, the earth goddess, rises and delivers her appeal to *Wotan*.

## Weiche, Wotan, weiche! (Waver, Wotan)

**By Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Contralto (*Wotan's* responses by Mr. Witherspoon)**
**(*In German*) 88092 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Margarete Ober, Contralto (*Wotan's* responses by Reinald Werrenrath)**
**(*In German*) 74396 12-inch, 1.50**

**She warns him solemnly that the Ring is cursed and charges him to give it up.**

ERDA (*stretching her hand*):
Waver, Wotan, waver!
Quit the Ring accursed!
(*She continues her solemn warning*)
Ruin and dismalest downfall wait thee in its wealth.

WOTAN:
Who speaks such menacing words?

ERDA:
Whatever was, was I; what is, as well;
What ages shall work—all I show;
The endless world's All-wise one, Erda, opens thine eyes.
Three, the daughters born to me
E'er the world was made; all I notice
Nightly thou know'st from the Nornir.
But hither in dire danger haste I to thy help.
Hear me! Hear me! Hear me!
All that exists, endeth!
A dismal day dawns for the Æsir:
O render wisely the ring!
(*She begins to sink slowly into the earth.*)

WOTAN:
A secret spell speaks in thy words:
Wait and impart more wisdom.

ERDA (*disappearing*):
I've warned thee now; thou wott'st enough;
Pause and ponder truth!
(*She completely disappears.*)

ERDA:
Waver, Wotan! (Scene IV.)

*Votan* at last yields and throws the Ring on the heap of gold. The
, as if to prove the curse, immediately begin to quarrel about its
ssion, and *Fasolt* is killed by *Fafner;* after which the murderer coolly
eds to collect the gold and then departs.
*Donner,* the god of thunder, now calls up a storm and causes a magic
ow bridge to form, making a passage to the castle.

## ndlich strahlt der Sonne Auge (The vening Light) (Wotan's Invocation)

By Marcel Journet, Bass (*In German*) 74268 12-inch, $1.50

*Votan* then sings the famous invocation to the castle of Valhalla,
gleams with great brilliance, illumined by the setting sun. The
absorbed in contemplation of the castle, sings:

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MONTERONE DENOUNCES THE JESTER—ACT I

# RIGOLETTO

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Piave, adapted from Victor Hugo's drama *Le Roi s'Amuse.* Music by Giuseppe Verdi. First produced in Venice, March 11, 1851. First London production at Covent Garden, May 14, 1853; at the *Italiens,* Paris, January 19, 1857. Produced at the New Orleans Opera March 19, 1860, and in New Orleans on February 6, 1861, Patti sang in the opera for the first time. First New York production November 2, 1857, and since that time the opera has seldom been absent from the American stage. A notable performance occurred November 23, 1903, at the Metropolitan Opera House, when Caruso made his American début. November 4, 1912, Ruffo made his début in the United States at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, in *Rigoletto.*

### Characters

RIGOLETTO, a hunchback, jester to the Duke ..... Baritone
DUKE OF MANTUA, a titled profligate ..... Tenor
GILDA, (*Jeel'-dah*) daughter of Rigoletto ..... Soprano
SPARAFUCILE, (*Spahr-ah-foo-chee-leh'*) a hired assassin ..... Bass
MADDALENA, (*Mad-dah-lay'-nah*) his sister ..... Contralto
COUNT MONTERONE (*Mon-ter-oh'-nay*) ..... Baritone
COUNT CEPRANO ..... Bass
Courtiers, Pages, Servants.

*Scene and Period: Mantua and vicinity; sixteenth century.*

The story tells of the gay and unprincipled *Duke of Mantua,* who is assisted in his crimes by his jester, *Rigoletto,* a hunchback. The father of one of the *Duke's* victims is mocked by *Rigoletto* and launches upon him a father's awful curse, which stuns and sobers the jester, as he, too, has a daughter, *Gilda,* unknown to the court.

On his way home *Rigoletto* meets a professional assassin, *Sparafucile,* who offers, for a price, to kill any enemy he may have. *Rigoletto* says he may need him later. The *Duke,* in the guise of a young student, has already met *Gilda,* not knowing who she is, and the young girl has fallen in love with him. When *Rigoletto* has left the house the *Duke's*

SETTING OF ACT I AT THE METROPOLITAN

courtiers abduct *Gilda* and take her to the Palace. The father's rage is terrible to witness, and he goes to the Palace, but too late to save his daughter. She pleads for the *Duke's* life, but *Rigoletto* swears to kill him, and arranges with the assassin, *Sparafucile*, to accomplish the deed. The *Duke* is lured to a lonely inn by *Sparafucile's* attractive sister, *Maddalena*, and is about to be murdered when *Maddalena*, who has taken a fancy to him, begs for his life. *Sparafucile* consents provided a substitute should happen along before midnight. *Gilda*, whom *Rigoletto* had brought hither (disguised as a page) in order that she might witness the fickleness of her lover, has been listening to the conversation, and now resolves to save the *Duke's* life at the cost of her own. She enters the hut, is stabbed by *Sparafucile*, who delivers the body to *Rigoletto* according to agreement. *Rigoletto* is about to cast the body into the river when he hears the *Duke's* voice in the distance. The wretched man opens the sack, sees his daughter and falls senseless on her body.

## ACT I

### SCENE I—*Ballroom in the Duke's Palace*

As a fête is in progress in the ducal residence, the *Duke* confides to one of his courtiers that he is about to make a new conquest. For some months he has seen a young and beautiful girl at church, but knows nothing of her except that she is visited often by a man who is supposed to be her lover. The *Duke* then sings his first air, *Questa o quella*.

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CARUSO AS THE COUNT

## Questa o quella ('Mid the Fair Throng)

By Enrico Caruso, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 87018 10-inch, $2.00

By Florencio Constantino, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 64069 10-inch, 1.00

By John McCormack, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 64344 10-inch, 1.00

This melodious number is perhaps the best of the *Duke's* solos, though usually cast somewhat in the background by the popular *La donna e mobile*. In it the *Duke* announces himself as a man of pleasure, sets forth his code of morals, and boasts of his conquests.

EMPEL AS GILDA

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RENAUD AS RIGOLETTO

DUKE:
'Mid the fair throng that sparkle around me,
Not one o'er my heart holds sway;
Though a sweet smile one moment may charm me,
A glance from some bright eye its spell drives away.
All alike may attract, each in turn may please;
Now with one I may trifle and play,
Then another may sport with and tease—
Yet all my heart to enslave their wiles display.
As a dove flies, alarm'd, to seek shelter,
Pursued by some vulture, to bear it aloft in flight,
Thus do I fly from constancy's fetter:
E'en women's spells I shun—all their efforts I slight.
A husband that's jealous I scorn and despise,
And I laugh at and heed not a lover's sighs;
If a fair one take my heart by surprise,
I heed not scornful tongues or prying eyes.

After making another enemy in the person of the *Count Ceprano*, by his marked attention to the latter's wife, the *Duke* departs. *Marullo* enters and eagerly announces to the courtiers a rich discovery. *Rigoletto*, the *Duke's* jester, is in love! The courtiers refuse to believe this, as *Rigoletto* is known as a confirmed woman-hater. *Marullo* insists that the jester makes frequent visits to a young girl. The nobles, who all hate *Rigoletto* for his cruel tongue, are eager to turn this knowledge into a means of revenge, and agree to meet *Ceprano* the next evening for a rare adventure.

The voice of the aged *Count Monterone*, whose daughter is one of the recent victims of the *Duke*, is now heard outside demanding admittance. He throws aside the guards who seek to stop him, and entering, denounces the *Duke* for his crimes.

## Ch'io le parli (I Will Speak to Him)

**By Francesco Cigada, Baritone: Aristodemo Sillich, Bass; La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) ***68190 12-inch, $1.25**

*Rigoletto* ridicules and mocks the old man, who calls him a "vile buffoon," and then, in an awful rage, utters so terrible a curse upon him,—the curse of a father,—that all are horrified.

*Rigoletto* is stunned and sobered by this terrible malediction, for he, too, has a daughter, unknown to the court; and love for his child and respect for her dead mother are the sole redeeming traits in his cruel nature.

*Monterone* is removed by the guards, and the scene changes to the street in front of *Rigoletto's* house.

SCENE II—*A Street; Rigoletto's Cottage on one side, opposite the Palace of Count Ceprano*

The jester enters, brooding with superstitious fear over the curse which had been laid upon him. He is accosted by *Sparafucile*, a professional assassin, who offers to rid him of an enemy if he has one. *Rigoletto* looks at him thoughtfully and says that if he has need of his services he will inform him. *Sparafucile* departs and *Rigoletto* delivers his famous monologue.

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SPARAFUCILE OFFERS HIS SERVICES
ACT I, SCENE II

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 440.*

## ri siamo (We Are Equal)

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| fo, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 92041 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| adini, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | *45032 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

·etreating form of the bravo and says:

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RIGOLETTO:
Yon assassin is my equal—
He stabs in darkness,
While I with a tongue of malice
Stab men by daylight!
(*He thinks of Monterone's curse.*)
He laid a father's curse on me. . . .
(*Continuing in a burst of rage.*)
Oh hideous fate! Cruel nature!
Thou hast doom'd me to a life of torment.
I must jest, I must laugh,
And be their laughing stock!
Yonder the Duke, my master,
Youthful and brilliant, rich and handsome,
Tells me, between sleeping and waking:
"Come, buffoon, I would laugh now!"
Oh shame, I must obey him!
Oh life accursed! How I hate ye,
Race of vile and fawning courtiers!
'Tis my only joy to taunt ye!
For if I am vile, 'tis to your vice I owe it!
(*He thinks of his home and daughter.*)
In that blest abode my nature changes!
(*Again he remembers the curse.*)
How heavy was that old man's curse!
Still I hear it; 'tis ringing in my ears!
My soul is troubled—fear I some misfortune?
Ah, no, this is folly!

s the court-yard and is affectionately greeted by *Gilda*, who comes he notes his anxious looks and begs him to confide in her. She

RIGOLETTO:
"If anyone here knocks, you must not open!"

RIGOLETTO:
Recall not the past!
Speak not of one whose loss to thee
All earth can boast could ne'er restore;
Her angel form methinks I see,
Who lov'd me, though deform'd and poor.
Pity, oh! Gilda; spare me!

GILDA:
Father, dear father, calm yourself,
Or my heart will surely break.
To me your name pray tell;
The grief that saddens you impart.

RIGOLETTO:
'Twere useless myself to discover;
Suffice it that thy father I am.
Some in the world there are who fear me,
In others, perhaps, envy I excite.
But one there is who has curs'd me!

GILDA:
Country, family, possess you none?

RIGOLETTO:
Thou art my country, family and friends!
The whole universe thou art to me!

GILDA:
Ah! if happier I could make you,
What joy to my heart it would bring!

He embraces her tenderly, then, recalling the curse, solemnly enjoins her to keep within the house and never venture into the town. *Gilda* says she has only been to Mass each Sunday, but does not tell him of the student with whom she had exchanged fond glances. *Rigoletto* summons the maid, *Giovanna*, and questions her, beginning another lovely duet, full of pathos.

## Veglia o donna (Safely Guard This Tender Blossom)

**By Maria Galvany and Titta Ruffo** (*In Italian*) **91500 10-inch, $3.00**

**He warns the maid to always closely guard her mistress from any danger.**

RIGOLETTO:
Safely guard this tender blossom,
Which to thee I now confide;
In her guileless heart and bosom
May no thought of ill betide;

GILDA:
Ah! such fear for me revealing,
Father dear, why thus display?
One from whom there's no concealing
Guides me ever on my way.

*Rigoletto* bids his daughter a tender farewell and takes his departure. The *Duke*, again dressed as a student, now enters, having previously purchased the silence of *Giovanna*.

*Gilda* is alarmed, not thinking her innocent flirtation in the church would lead to this, and bids him begone, but he reassures her, beginning a fine duet.

## E il sol dell' anima (Love is the Sun)

**By Giuseppina Huguet and Fernando de Lucia**
(*In Italian*) **92056 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Alice Nielsen and Florencio Constantino**
(*In Italian*) **74063 12-inch, 1.50**

He soothes her fears, telling her he loves her with a pure devotion.

DUKE:
Love is the sun by which passion is lighted,
Happy the mortal who feels its power;
Each pleasure once priz'd without it seems blighted;
With it we heed not what fate may shower.
Feeling celestial, no joy terrestrial
Ever to me can such sweet joys impart.
Ah! may no blight ever this heart from thee sever;
Rest in my bosom, ne'er to depart!

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ABOTT AS GILDA

ACT I, SCENE II

w heard, and after a tender farewell he leaves, first telling her that
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ensively gazing at the gate through which the pretended student has
ɔus soliloquy she sings:

ıat romantic name! Walter, I love thee.

THE ABDUCTION OF GILDA

## ACT II

SCENE—*A Hall in the Duke's Palace*

### Parmi veder le lagrime (Each Tear That Falls)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **88429 12-inch, $3.00**

The *Duke*, after his tender parting with *Gilda*, in the previous act, had again returned to the *Jester's* house, only to find it deserted and the young girl gone. Not knowing that his courtiers had carried her off under the very nose of *Rigoletto*, he bewails the unhappy fate which has robbed him of his latest conquest. As we hear him sing his pathetic lament, we forget his real nature and almost sympathize with the unhappy lover!

The courtiers enter and tell the *Duke* that they have captured *Rigoletto's* mistress. He expresses his appreciation of the adventure, not knowing they had abducted the young girl he had just left, and asks for particulars. They sing their chorus, *Scorrendo unite*,

### Scorrendo unite remota via (On Mischief Bent)

**By New York Grand Opera Chorus** (*In Italian*) **64049 10-inch, $1.00**

which gives the details of the huge joke they have played on *Rigoletto* by making him assist in the capture of his own mistress.

COURTIERS:

Unto a lonely abode directed,
When shades of evening were falling fast,
By dark'ning shadows we were protected
Until our game we spied at last;
With timid footsteps she scarce came nigh us,
We were preparing our prey to seize
When Rigoletto just then came by us,
With angry brow and ill at ease.
And that the joke might be all the madder,
We said Ceprano's wife should be our prey,
We then desir'd him to hold the ladder;
His eyes were bandag'd, he did obey.
We swiftly mounted to the room,
And the startled beauty bore away!

When the *Duke* learns that *Gilda* is in an adjoining room he joyfully goes to her, saying that her fears will be soothed when she discovers he is the *Walter Malde* she loves.

Then occurs one of the most dramatic scenes in the opera, and the greatest opportunity for *Rigoletto*.

### Povero Rigoletto! (Poor Rigoletto!)

**By Pasquale Amato, with Bada, Setti and Chorus** **88340 12-inch, $3.00**

The jester's voice is now heard outside, singing a careless air. He enters, affecting indifference, but trying to find some clue to *Gilda's* whereabouts. A page enters with a message for the *Duke* and the courtiers tell him their master cannot be disturbed. *Rigoletto* listens, his fears becoming confirmed, and he exclaims:

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heart you've lost,
to seek her!
*ble emphasis*):
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*hment*):
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RIGOLETTO:
Yes, my daughter!
The maid whom you last night
From my roof carried hither.
Ah, she is there, I know it!
(*Rushes toward the door, but the courtiers bar his passage and a terrible struggle occurs.*)
She is there! stand back, I tell ye!

rible to witness, is expressed in the second part, *Cortigiani, vil razza.*

## razza dannata (Vile Race of Courtiers)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amato, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 88341 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| ), Baritone, and La Scala Chorus | (*Italian*) | 92066 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| ti-Barba, Baritone | (*In Spanish*) | 74161 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| nolfi, Baritone | | *16573 | 10-inch, | .75 |

nces them as abductors and assassins, then breaking down, asks for pity.

ile rabble detested,
vhose peace ye molested?
ot rouse me to madness—
my vengeance beware,
me traitor I'll pour!
*he door.*)
ssassins, stand back!
enter!
*n with the courtiers but*
*ives up in despair.*)
ainst me—have pity!

Ah, I weep before ye, Marullo, so kindless?
Others' grief never yet saw thee mindless,
Tell, oh tell where my child they have hidden,
Is't there?—say in pity—thou'rt silent! alas!
(*In tears.*)
Oh, my lords, will ye have no compassion
On a father's despairing intercession?
Give me back my belov'd only daughter,
Have pity, oh give me back my child,
In pity, oh hear me implore!

ne is ended by *Gilda*, who now enters, in tears, and embraces her father.

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'easure!
thee!
as but jesting?

GILDA (*hiding her face*):
Dishonor, oh my father!
RIGOLETTO: Horror! what say'st thou?
GILDA:
Father, oh hide me from ev'ry eye but thine!

RIGOLETTO (*despairingly*):
Ah! that thou be spared my infamy
I've wearied Heaven with praying,
That every good may light on thee
Far from the world's betraying,
Ah, in my hopeless misery,
My saint I have enshrined thee,
In horror and anguish here I must find thee,
Thy future all turned to woe!
(*To Gilda.*)
Daughter, come, let me comfort thee in thy sorrow—

GILDA:
Father!

RIGOLETTO:
Weep here, weep, on my heart thy tears may flow.

GILDA:
Father, in thee an angel doth comfort bestow.

## Piangi fanciulla (Weep, My Child)

**By Maria Galvany, Soprano, and Titta Ruffo, Baritone (*In Italian*) 92502 12-inch, $4.00**

**By A. Cassani, Soprano, and F. Federici, Baritone *45032 10-inch, 1.00**

GILDA'S DESPAIR—ACT II

Following the duet *Rigoletto* exclaims:

RIGOLETTO:
I think what remains yet for me to accomplish:
This fatal abode we must leave on the instant.

GILDA:
Yes, my father, let us go!

RIGOLETTO (*aside*):
Oh, how all our fate has been changed in a day!

The *Count Monterone* now passes through the hall under guard. He pauses before the *Duke's* portrait and exclaims:

MONTERONE:
Oh, then, 'twas in vain in my anger I cursed thee!
No thunder from Heaven yet hath burst down to strike thee.
With pleasure triumphant thy days yet are crowned.
(*Exit, guarded.*)

*Rigoletto*, gazing after *Monterone*, grimly says that vengeance will not be long delayed.

## Si, vendetta (Yes, My Vengeance)

**By Maria Galvany, Soprano, and Titta Ruffo, Baritone (*In Italian*) 91501 10-inch, $3.00**

**By Laura Mellerio and Ernesto Badini (*In Italian*) *45000 10-inch, 1.00**

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 440.*

SPARAFUCILE'S DEN—ACT III

n the *Duke's* portrait and sings fiercely:

ong thus, the avenger is

hath doomed thee.
my sole consolation,

GILDA (*timidly*):
Heav'n doth know his crime atrocious,
Oh, might I avert its wrath—
RIGOLETTO:
To vengeance!
GILDA:

## La donna è mobile (Woman is Fickle)

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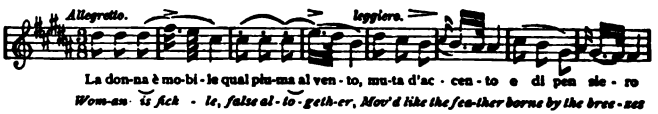
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 87017 | 10-inch, | $2.00 |
| By Florencio Constantino, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64072 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64382 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Giuseppe Acerbi, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | *62083 | 10-inch, | .75 |

This familiar canzone, beginning




is perhaps the best known of all the airs of the opera. Its spontaneous melody pictures the gay, irresponsible character of the young noble who thus sings of changeable womankind.

DUKE:
Woman is fickle, false altogether,
Moves like a feather borne on the breezes;
Woman with guiling smile will e'er deceive you,
Often can grieve you, yet e'er she pleases,
Her heart's unfeeling, false altogether;
Moves like a feather borne on the breeze,
Borne on the breeze, borne on the breeze!

Wretched the dupe is, who when she looks kindly,
Trusts to her blindly. Thus life is wasted!
Yet he must surely be dull beyond measure,
Who of love's pleasure never has tasted.
Woman is fickle, false altogether,
Moves like a feather, borne on the breeze!

At the close of the *Duke's* song *Sparafucile* enters with the wine. He knocks twice on the ceiling and a young girl comes down. The *Duke* tries to embrace her but she laughingly escapes him. Now occurs the great Quartet, one of the most famous of concerted pieces.

CONSTANTINO AS THE DUKE—ACT III

## Quartet—Bella figlia dell'amore (Fairest Daughter of the Graces)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bessie Abott, Soprano; Louise Homer, Contralto; Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Antonio Scotti, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | 96000 | 12-inch, | $6.00 |
| By Marcella Sembrich, Mme. Severina, Enrico Caruso and Antonio Scotti | (*In Italian*) | 96001 | 12-inch, | 6.00 |
| By Lucrezia Bori, Soprano; Josephine Jacoby, Mezzo-Soprano; John McCormack, Tenor; Reinald Werrenrath, Baritone | | 89080 | 12-inch, | 4.00 |
| By Giuseppina Huguet, Emma Zaccaria, Carmelo Lanzirotti and Francesco Cigada | (*In Italian*) | *68067 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| By Victor Opera Quartet | (*In Italian*) | 70073 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| By Huguet, Zaccaria, Lanzirotti, and Cigada | | *35456 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 440.*

ET—ACT III

QUARTETTE—Contin

By Kryl's Bohemian Ban
*35239 12-inch, $1

By Pryor's Band
*16276 10-inch,

By Pietro Deiro
Accordionist
*35367 12-inch, 1

Among the musical ge
with which the score of Ri
letto abounds, none is so v
known and universally
mired as this fine numb
*lena* and *Rigoletto*. It is undoubtedly the most brilliant a
erted pieces, and the contrasting emotions—the ten
one side, and the heart-broken sobs of *Gilda* and the cr
e other—are pictured with the hand of a genius.
ds of this great number, in various classes, also three inst
the Victor.
of the act is a most dramatic one. The *Duke*, gay a
*dalena*, all unconscious that the assassin hired by *Rigol*

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girl, convinced, exclaims:

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HOMER AS MADDALENA

droom and is soon asleep. *Rigoletto* bids his daughter
will meet her there. She reluctantly departs and *Ri*
ice, the remainder to be paid on the delivery of t
*Rigoletto* goes away just as *Gilda*, who has disobeyed h
hat is going on inside the house. *Sparafucile* enters t
aken a fancy to the *Duke*, begs her brother to spare h
e kill *Rigoletto* and take the money from him. *Spa*

*fucile* is indignant and protests that he has never yet failed in his duty to his employers. *Maddalena* pleads with him and he finally says if another guest should enter he will kill him instead of the *Duke*.

SPARAFUCILE:
If some one should enter ere midnight has sounded,
I promise that he for thy favorite shall die!
GILDA:
Oh, what a temptation! my fate! I have found it,
In silence and darkness, to save him and die!

During this dramatic scene a storm is raging, and in addition to the stage effects of thunder and lightning Verdi has the chorus humming in chromatic thirds to illustrate the moaning of the wind. This scene is given here in a most impressive record.

PHOTO BERT

GILDA FINDS HER LOVER FALSE

## Tempesta—Somiglia un Apollo (He's Fair as Apollo)

**By Linda Brambilla, Soprano; Maria Cappiello, Mezzo-Soprano; Aristodemo Sillich, Bass; and La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***68190 12-inch, $1.25**

*Gilda* hears this terrible agreement and the broken-hearted girl resolves to sacrifice her own life to save that of her false lover. She knocks at the door, is seized and stabbed by the bandit and her body wrapped in a sack. *Rigoletto* soon returns, pays the remainder of the price agreed upon, and receives the body. *Sparafucile,* fearing that *Rigoletto* will discover the substitution, offers to throw the body into the river. The Jester says he will do it himself and bids the bravo depart.

Left alone, the Jester gazes on the body with a horrible satisfaction, saying:

RIGOLETTO:
He is there, pow'rless! Ah, I must see him!
Nay, 'twere folly! 'tis he surely! I feel his spurs here.
Look on me now ye courtiers!
Look here and tremble,
Here the buffoon is monarch!
Yes, my foot is upon him!
My grief has vanish'd,
'Tis turned to joy triumphant;
Thy tomb shall be the waters,
This coarse sack thy shroud and grave cloth!
Away, now!

He is about to drag the sack towards the river, when he hears the voice of the *Duke* leaving the inn on the opposite side.

DUKE:
Woman is fickle, false altogether, etc.
RIGOLETTO (*tearing his hair*):
That voice! Am I mad? What fiend deludes me?
No, no, no! here I hold him!
(*Calling to the house.*)
Hola, thou thief, thou bandit!
(*The Duke's voice dies in the distance.*)
Then whom have I within here?
I tremble—the form is human!
(*With utmost horror, recognizing Gilda.*)
My daughter, oh, Heav'n, my daughter!
Ah, no! Not my daughter! She is in Verona!
'Tis a dream!

Then begins the wonderful final duet, a fitting end to such a noble and powerful work, and a number which is unfortunately omitted in American performances of the opera. However, the Victor customer, more fortunate than the opera-goer, may hear it at his pleasure.

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 440.*

Behold thy father despairing:
Who was't that struck thee?

GILDA:
Oh, my father, for him that I cherish,
I deceived thee, and for him I perish.

RIGOLETTO:
Heaven's avenging wrath has undone me,
Turn thine eyes, oh my angel, upon me,
Speak, oh speak to me, who hath bereft me?

GILDA:
Father, oh ask not,
Bless thy daughter and forgive her.

RIGOLETTO:
Ah, no, no, leave me no
Live, my child.
Canst thou leave me alon
GILDA:
Ah, no—forgive my betra
From yonder sky—there
for— (*She dies.*)

RIGOLETTO:
Gilda! my Gilda! I've l
(*He recalls the curse.*)
Ah! 'twas a father curse
(*Tears his hair and falls*

(*Curtain*)

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## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS RIGOLETTO

**'araphrase de Concert (Verdi-Liszt)**
**By Vladimir de Pachmann, Pianist** **7426**

**Ch 'io le parli (I Will Speak to Him)**
**By Cigada, Sillich and La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*)
**Tempesta—Somiglia un Apollo (He's Fair as Apollo)**
**By Brambilla, Cappiello, Sillich and Chorus** **6819**

**Quartet—Bella figlia dell' amore (Fairest Daughter of the Graces) By Giuseppina Huguet, Emma Zaccaria, Carmelo Lanzirotti and Francesco Cigada** (*In Italian*)
**Lassù in cielo (In Heaven Above) By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Renzo Minolfi, Baritone** (*In Italian*) **6806**

**Quartet By Kryl's Bohemian Band**
*Trovatore Selection (Home to Our Mountains) Vessella's Band* **3523**

**Quartet** *Accordion* **By Pietro Deiro**
*Light Cavalry Overture Accordion By Pietro Deiro* **3536**

**Bella figlia dell' amore (Fairest Daughter of the Graces) (Verdi)** (*Italian*) **By Huguet-Zaccaria-Lanzirotti-Cigada**
*Trovatore—Miserere (Italian) By Giacomelli, Martinez-Patti and Cho* **3545**

**Monologo—Pari siamo By Ernesto Badini** (*In Italian*)
**Piangi fanciulla By Cassani and Federici** (*In Italian*) **4503**

**Tutte le feste al tempio By Mellerio and Badini** (*In Italian*)
**Si, vendetta By Mellerio and Badini** (*In Italian*) **4500**

# RINALDO

*(Ree-nahl'-doh)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Adam Hill; Italian text by Rossi, founded on the episode of *Rinaldo* and *Armida* in Tasso's *Gerusalemme liberata*. Music by George Frederick Handel.

*Rinaldo* was produced at a time when Italian music had become the fashion in London, and the composer followed the plan then in vogue, to write the dialogue in recitative form. This opera was written by Handel in the amazingly brief time of fourteen days, and first performed at Queen's Theatre, February 24, 1711. The work was put on to signalize the coming of Handel to London, and was a magnificent production for that period. Only the year before the composer had been induced to leave the Court of Hanover for that of England; and upon his arrival in London Mr. Aaron Hill, the enterprising manager of the new Haymarket Theatre, engaged him to supply an Italian opera. Hill planned *Rinaldo*, Rossi wrote the Italian libretto, and Handel hurriedly dashed off the music.

HANDEL

The opera ran for fifteen consecutive nights—an unprecedented feat for that age—and was mounted with a splendor then quite unusual. Among other innovations, the gardens of *Armida* were filled with living birds, a piece of realism hardly outdone even in these days.

### Characters in the Opera

RINALDO, a knight ..... Soprano
ARMIDA, an enchantress ..... Soprano
ALMIRENA, Godfrey's daughter ..... Soprano
ARGANTE, a Pagan king ..... Bass
GODFREY, a noble ..... Bass
EUSTAZIO ..... Alto

*The action takes place in Palestine at the time of the Crusade.*

*Rinaldo* is a Knight Templar who loves *Almirena*, daughter of *Godfrey*. The enchantress, *Armida*, also loves *Rinaldo*, and in a jealous rage seizes *Almirena* and conceals her in a magic garden. *Armida's* lover, a Pagan King named *Argante*, complicates matters by himself falling in love with *Almirena*. *Rinaldo* finally rescues *Almirena*, and the sorceress and her lover are captured and converted to Christianity.

Among the many arias of great beauty with which the score abounds is the *Lascia ch'io pianga*, in which *Almirena* laments her capture by the sorceress. This striking number is delivered by Schumann-Heink with great beauty of tone coloring and impressive power in the most dramatic passages. The melody is a beautiful one.

## Lascia ch'io pianga ('Mid Lures! 'Mid Pleasures!)

**By Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Contralto** (*In Italian*) **88189 12-inch, $3.00**

ALMIRENA: Armida, thou enchantress,
With thy craft, dark and fiendish,
Hast stolen from my sad heart
The bliss of Heaven;
And here a doom eternal
Suffer I ever,
The prey of pow'rs infernal!
Alas! naught's left to me
But grief with bitter tears!
'Mid lures, 'mid pleasures,
Hopeless I languish
Vainly deploring my freedom lost!
Heaven, who canst measure
My pain and anguish,
Thee I'm imploring
By ill fate toss't!

New Orleans production December 24, 1836.

Cast

ROBERT, Duke of Normandy.....
BERTRAM, the Unknown.....
ISABELLA, Princess of Sicily.....
ALICE, foster sister of Robert.....
Knights, Courtiers, Heralds, Pilgrims, Peasants, Chaplains, Pries

OLD PRINT ALICE AND BERTRAM—ACT II

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he continues to struggle with an Evil Spirit, which seems to tempt h

BERTRAM:
I have well spread my toils, another soul to capture!
One more gained! glorious conquest,
At which demons must rejoice!
(*A subterraneous noise is heard; darkness falls. Bertram, under the control of the evil one, feels an unholy joy.*)
King of fallen angels! ruler mine! * * *
He is here! * * * He awaits me! * * *
I hear the noise
Of their infernal joy * * * the fallen spirits seek
To drown their remorse in hellish mirth!

INFERNAL CHORUS (*from the cavern*):
Ye demons, who Heaven and its laws defy,
The sound of your revels now mounts to the sky,
Your voices lift high!
Praise the master who reigns over us,
Sing aloud in lusty chorus!
Praise the Master, yes praise!

*Alice*, who has come to the vicinity of the cave to meet her lover, overhears this infernal bargain and determines to save him. *Robert*, dejected over the loss of his honor and wealth, meets *Bertram*, who promises that all shall be restored to him if he will have the courage to visit the ruined abbey and secure a magic branch, which can give wealth, power and immortality.

## Du rendezvous (This is Our Meeting Place)

**By Edmond Clement and Marcel Journet** (*In French*) **76020 12-inch, $2.00**

## Le Bonheur est dans l'inconstance (What is Life Without Change?)

**By Edmond Clement and Marcel Journet** (*In French*) **76021 12-inch, $2.00**

The next scene shows the ruins, where *Bertram* invokes the aid of the buried nuns in completing the downfall of *Robert*. He speaks of the founding of the convent and of the false nuns who lie buried here, and calls upon them to arise.

BERTRAM:
Here are the nuns of the ancient monastery,
To Heaven's cause bequeathed by St. Rosalie,
Here lie buried the false daughters
Whose unholy devotion was offered to other gods.
Nuns, who beneath this cold stone repose,
For an hour forsake your sepulcher beds,
King of Hell, it is I who calls you.

THE RUINED ABBEY—ACT III

The spectres arise, and when *Robert* appears they dance around him and lead him to the grave of *St. Rosalie*, where he is shown the magic branch. Overcoming his fears, he grasps it, and by its power defeats the multitude of demons who arise from the infernal regions to prevent his escape.

In the next scene *Robert* uses the branch to become invisible, and goes to *Lady Isabella's* room to carry her off. In this scene occurs the famous air for *Isabella*, "Oh, Robert, My Beloved."

## Robert, O tu che adoro (Oh, Robert, My Beloved!)

**By Margarete Matzenauer, Mezzo-Soprano** (*Italian*) **88365 12-inch, $3.00**

She appeals to his better nature in this lovely cavatina:

ISABELLA:
Oh, Robert, oh, my beloved!
I live alone, yes, alone for thee
My anguish thou see'st,
On thyself have mercy, and pity on me!
Ah, the ties that once bound thee
Now no more canst thou feel?
Once I receiv'd thy homage,
Now at thy feet I kneel!
Mercy on thyself,
Oh, have mercy and pity on me!
Robert, who alone I cherish,
Thou for whom I'd gladly perish,
My anguish thou see'st,
On thyself have mercy, and pity on me!

Moved by her entreaties, he yields to the promptings of his good angel and breaks the branch, thus destroying the spell.

In the last act *Bertram* renews his efforts to induce *Robert* to sign an eternal contract. Tired of life, he is about to yield when *Alice* appears and tells him of the last words of his mother, warning him against the *Fiend*, who is in reality *Robert's* father. The clock strikes twelve, and the baffled *Fiend* disappears, while the cathedral door opens showing the *Princess* waiting for the reformed *Robert*.

SCENE FROM ROBIN HOOD—ACT II

# ROBIN HOOD

## COMIC OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Libretto by Harry B. Smith; music by Reginald de Koven. F
Chicago, June 9, 1890, by the Bostonians, who sang the opera more than
Recently revived at the New Amsterdam, New York, by the de Koven (

### Characters

ROBERT OF HUNTINGTON, known as Robin Hood.....
SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM.....
SIR GUY OF GISBORNE, his ward.....
LITTLE JOHN
WILL SCARLET
ALLAN-A-DALE
FRIAR TUCK
} Outlaws.....
LADY MARIAN FITZWATER, afterwards Maid Marian.....
DAME DURDEN, a widow.....
ANNABEL, her daughter.....

against her marriage to *Sir Guy*, hoping that on the return of the *King* from the Crusades she will be released, while *Robin Hood* plans with the help of the *King* to prove his right to the earldom. The outlaws sympathize with the pair and invite *Robin Hood* to join them, promising him he shall be their king and rule them under the Greenwood Tree, to which proposal *Robin Hood* at length agrees.

In the last act the dashing king of the outlaws brings the message which saves *Maid Marian* from the hated marriage with *Sir Guy*, and the opera ends amid general rejoicings at the triumph of *Robin Hood* and the gentle *Marian* over the plotting *Sheriff* and his ward.

WAKEFIELD AS ALLAN-A-DALE

**Gems from Robin Hood—Part I**
"Hey, for the Merry Greenwood"—"Brown October Ale"—"Come Dream So Bright"—"Tinkers' Chorus"—"Oh, Promise Me"—"Come Along to the Woods"
Victor Light Opera Company 31768 12-inch, $1.00

**Gems from Robin Hood—Part II**
"Ho, Ho, Then for Jollity"—"Ye Birds in Azure Winging"—"Armorer's Song"—"A Hunting We'll Go"—"Ah! I Do Love You"—"Sweetheart, My Own Sweetheart"—"Love, Now We Never More Will Part"
Victor Light Opera Company 31868 12-inch, 1.00

**Gems from Robin Hood—Part I** Victor Light Opera Co.
*Gems from Robin Hood—Part II* *Victor Light Opera Co.*
35413 12-inch, 1.25

**Oh, Promise Me** By Harry Macdonough, Tenor
*Sing Me to Sleep* (*Greene*) *By Elsie Baker, Contralto*
16196 10-inch, .75

**Oh, Promise Me** By Alan Turner
*Dearie* *By Elsie Baker, Contralto*
17189 10-inch, .75

**Oh, Promise Me** *Violin-'Cello-Harp* Venetian Trio
*Silver Threads Among the Gold* *Violin-Flute-Harp-Bells* *Neapolitan Trio*
17816 10-inch, $0.75

**Favorite Airs from the Opera** By Pryor's Band
*Prince of Pilsen Selection* (*Luders*) *By Sousa's Band*
16919 10-inch, .75

**Armorer's Song** By Wilfred Glenn, Bass
*Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold* *By Wilfred Glenn, Bass*
17268 10-inch, .75

**Armorer's Song** By Eugene Cowles, Bass 4737 10-inch, .60

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SCENE FROM ROBIN HOOD—ACT III

Opéra, Paris, April 27, 1877; and at Covent Garden, Royal Italian Opera

**Cast**

ALIM, King of Lahore.....
SCINDIA, his minister.....
TIMUR, a priest.....
INDRA.....
SITA.....
KALED, confidant of the King.....M

*Time and Place: India; the eleventh century, during the incursion of th*

This early work of Massenet's is founded upon an Indian subject, Mussulman invasion. It is noted for its brilliant ballet, illustrative of an

*Sita*, niece of the high priest, *Timur*, is beloved by *Alim*, King of *Scindia*, accuses her of profaning the Temple and she is condemned to by the King, who asks her hand in marriage.

In the second act *Alim*, at war with the Mussulmans, is betraye *Scindia*, and is killed in battle, while *Scindia* seizes his throne and carrie

*Alim* is transported to the celestial realm of India, but is not cont divinities to allow him to return to earth. His request is granted on co not resume his rank and returns to India when *Sita* dies. On his *Scindia* has secured the throne and forced *Sita* to become his wife. *A* but *Scindia* denounces him as an impostor. *Alim* is obliged to flee, but and when they are about to be captured she kills herself. *Alim*, in fu also dies, and the lovers are united in celestial India.

## Promesse de mon avenir (Oh, Promise of a Joy

**By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone** (*In French*) **881**

The most famous of the numbers is of course this superb air for b act, which La Salle sang in the first production with great success. A translation by Dudley Buck, from the Schirmer "Operatic Anthology" is given here by permission.

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THE LOVERS' FIRST MEETING

# ROMÉO ET JULIETTE (French) ROMEO AND JULIET (English)

*(Roh'-may-oh ay Joo-lee-et')*

THE MARRIAGE

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

Words by Barbier and Carré, after Shakespeare's drama. Music by Charles Gounod. First produced at the *Théâtre Lyrique*, Paris, April 27, 1867. First London production July 11, 1867. First Milan production at La Scala, December 14, 1867. Presented in America, 1868, with Minnie Hauk.

Some famous American productions occurred in 1890, with Patti, Ravelli, del Puente and Fabri; in 1891, with Eames (début), the de Reszkes and Capoul; in 1898, with Melba, Saleza, de Reszke and Plançon; and more recently with Farrar as *Juliet*.

Gounod's sweetly sentimental setting of this great tragedy of love and death has achieved a popularity second

only to his Faust. Some critics have called the music too insipid, but very few who have heard the splendid arias for *Juliet* will agree with this opinion.

### Characters

JULIET, (*Joo-lee-et'*) daughter of Capulet .. Soprano
STEPHANO, (*Stef'-ah-noh*) page to Romeo. . Soprano
GERTRUDE, Juliet's nurse ..... Mezzo-Soprano
ROMEO ..... Tenor
TYBALT, (*Tee-bahl'*) Capulet's nephew ..... Tenor
BENVOLIO, (*Ben-voh'-lee-oh*) friend of Romeo. Tenor
MERCUTIO, (*Mer-kew'-shee-oh*) friend of Romeo Baritone
PARIS, (*Pah-ree'*) Capulet's kinsman ..... Baritone
GREGORIO, Capulet's kinsman ..... Baritone
CAPULET, (*Cap-u-leh'*) a Veronese noble Basso-Cantante
FRIAR LAURENCE ..... Bass
THE DUKE OF VERONA ..... Bass
Guests; Relatives and Retainers of the Capulets and Montagues.

*The action takes place at Verona.*

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ALDA AS JULIET

Romeo and Juliet overflows with charming music, Gounod having written for the lovers some of the most emotional passages ever composed, and the opera has even been called "a love duet with occasional interruptions." It is, of course, not another Faust,—no composer could write two such works,—but it is a most beautiful setting of the story of the ill-fated Italian lovers, and will always be listened to with pleasure.

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FARRAR AS JULIET

Several of the Shakespearean personages have been omitted from the opera cast by the librettists, and a new character, that of the page *Stephano*, has been added.

## ACT I

SCENE—*Ballroom in Capulet's House, Verona*

The curtain rises on a scene of festivity. *Capulet*, a Veronese noble, is giving a masked fête in honor of his daughter *Juliet's* entrance into society.

*Juliet* is presented to the guests by her father, and *Capulet*, in a rousing air, calls on his guests to make merry.

When the guests have gone to the banquet hall, *Juliet* lingers behind and gives expression to her girlish joy in the famous waltz.

### Valse (Juliet's Waltz Song)

**By Louise Tetrazzini, Soprano**
(*In Italian*) **88302** 12-inch, $3.00
**By Emma Eames, Soprano**
(*In French*) **88011** 12-inch, 3.00
**By Blanche Arral, Soprano**
(*In French*) **74151** 12-inch, 1.50

It is maintained by some critics that this waltz is too showy and brilliantly effective to be sung by a modest young girl at her first ball. However, Gounod has written such an uncommonly pretty waltz of exquisite melody, that most hearers are too delighted to inquire very closely into questions of dramatic fitness.

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## Ah! leve toi soleil (Arise, Fairest Sun)

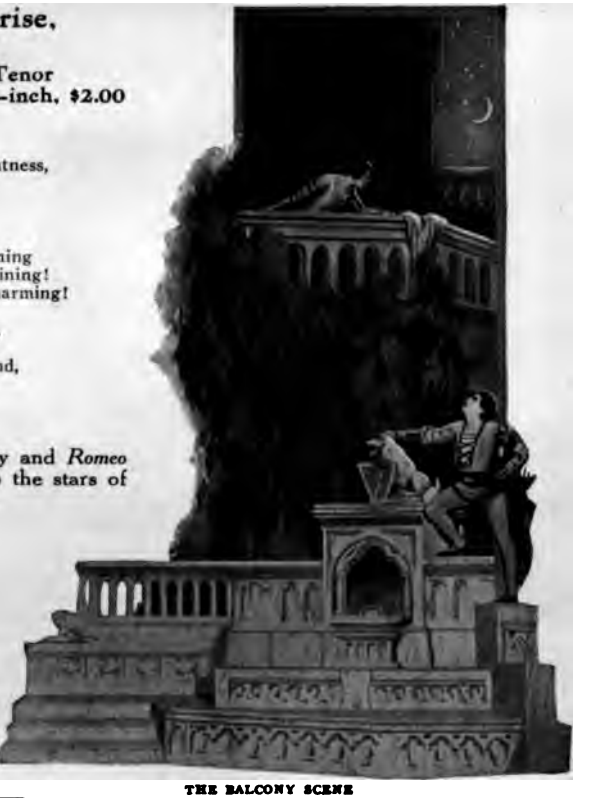
**By Herman Jadlowker, Tenor**
**(*In French*) 76025 12-inch, $2.00**

ROMEO:
Rise, fairest sun in heaven!
Quench the stars with thy brightness,
That o'er the vault at even
Shine with a feeble lightness,
Oh! rise again! Oh! rise again!
And banish night's dark shades.
She is watching, ah! ever untwining
From their bonds her tresses shining!
Now she speaketh. Ah! how charming!
By her beauty's brilliant ray,
As burneth, ashamed and jaded,
A lamp by the light of day!
At her window, on her fair hand,
See now she leaneth her cheek.
On that hand, were I a glove,
That I might touch that cheek!

*Juliet* appears on the balcony and *Romeo* conceals himself. She speaks to the stars of her new-found happiness.

JULIET:
Ah, me—and still I love him!
Romeo, why art thou Romeo?
Doff then thy name, for it is no part,
My love, of thee! What rose we call
By other name would smell as sweetly:
Thou'rt no foe, 'tis thy name!

A long scene between the lovers is interrupted by *Gregorio* and some retainers, who are searching for *Romeo*. He hides himself again, and on their departure the duet is resumed.



THE BALCONY SCENE

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ROMEO AND JULIET

## Ne fuis encore (Linger Yet a Moment)

**By Alice Nielsen, Soprano, and Florencio Constantino, Tenor**
**(*In French*) 64091 10-inch, $1.00**

ROMEO AND JULIET:
Ah! go not yet, but stay thee!
Let me once more kiss thy dear hand, I pray thee!
JULIET:
Silence! a step is near us,
Someone I fear will hear us,
Let me at least take my hand from thy keeping.
Good night, love.
ROMEO:
Good night, love.
BOTH:
Good night! Dearest, this fond good night is such sweet sorrow
That I would say good night, till it be dawn!
ROMEO:
Soft be thy repose till morning!
On thine eyes slumber dwell, and sweet peace
In thy bosom: would I were sleep and peace
So sweet to rest!

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ROMEO AND JULIET IN THE FRIAR'S CELL

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*Tybalt*, who begin to quarrel with *Gregorio*. *Romeo* enters and tries to
but is insulted and forced to fight, killing *Tybalt*. The action comes
*Duke of Verona*, who happens to be passing with his suite, and he ba
the kingdom. The unhappy youth yields to the decree, but secretly vow

## ACT IV

SCENE—*Juliet's Room*

*Romeo* has made his way into *Capulet's* house at imminent risk of death, and has penetrated to the room of his bride. As the curtain rises he is taking leave of her, and in another exquisite duet she begs him not to go. He finally departs after a tender farewell, just as *Capulet* and *Friar Laurence* enter to tell her that it was *Tybalt's* dying wish that she should marry *Paris*. Left alone with the good priest she tells him she will die rather than be separated from *Romeo*. The *Friar* tells her to have patience, as he has a plan by which they are to be reunited. He then gives *Juliet* a potion, commanding her to drink it when her marriage with *Paris* seems imminent, and tells her she will go into a death-like trance. He continues:

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CONSTANTINO AS ROMEO

FRIAR LAURENCE:
Loud will they raise the sound of lamentation,
"Juliet is dead! Juliet is dead!" For so
Shall they deem thee reposing. But
The angels above will reply, "She but sleeps!"
For two-and-forty hours thou shalt lie in death's seeming,
And then, to life awaking as from a pleasant dreaming,
From the ancient vault thou shalt haste away!

The good priest leaves her and shortly afterward, seeing her father and *Paris* approaching, she drinks the contents of the phial, and growing faint, apparently expires in *Capulet's* arms.

## ACT V

SCENE—*The Tomb of Juliet*

The curtain rises, showing the silent vault of the *Capulets*, where *Juliet* is lying on the bier still in her trance. *Romeo*, who has failed to receive *Friar Laurence's* message, and believes *Juliet* is dead, now forces the door with an iron bar and enters.

He sees his bride apparently dead, and flings himself on her body. After a mournful air in which he bids her farewell, he drinks poison, but is soon startled to see signs of life in the body of *Juliet*. Forgetting the poison he had taken, he embraces her joyfully and they sing their final duet:

JULIET:
Ah! methought that I heard
Tones that I lov'd, soft falling!
ROMEO:
'Tis I! Romeo—thine own—
Who thy slumbers have stirr'd,
Led by my heart alone,
Thee, my bride, unto love
And the fair world recalling!
(*Juliet falls into his arms.*)
ROMEO:
Come, let's fly hence!
JULIET:
Happy dawn!
ROMEO AND JULIET:
Come, the world is all before us,
two hearts, yet one!
Grant that our love—
Be now and ever
Holy and pure, till our life shall end.

Suddenly remembering the fatal draught, *Romeo* cries out in horror:

ROMEO:
Alas! I believed thee dead, love, and—
I drank of this draught!
(*Shows the phial.*)
JULIET:
Of that draught! It is death!
(*Taking the phial.*)
Ah! thou churl
To drink all! No friendly drop thou'st left me,
So I may die with thee!
(*She flings the phial away, then remembering the dagger, draws it out.*)
Ah! here's my dagger still!
Now, happy dagger, behold thy sheath!
(*She stabs herself. With a supreme effort Romeo half raises himself to prevent her.*)
ROMEO:
Hold! Hold thy hand!
JULIET:
Ah, happy moment.
My soul now with rapture is swelling,
Thus to die, love, with thee.
(*She lets fall the dagger.*)
Yet one embrace! I love thee!
(*They half rise in each other's arms.*)
O heav'n grant us thy grace!
(*They die.*)


## DOUBLE-FACED ROMEO AND JULIET RECORDS

**Romeo and Juliet Selection** — **By Arthur Pryor's Band**
**Introduction to Act I, "The Capulet's Ball"—Interlude, Act IV—Capulet's Solo, "The Altar is Prepared"—Ballet—Nuptial Procession**
***Samson and Delilah Selection (Saint-Saëns) Arthur Pryor's Band***
**35234 12-inch, $1.25**

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DALMORES AS SAMSON

SAMSON (*coming out from the throng*):
Let us pause, O my brothers,
And bless the holy name of the God of our fathers!
For now the hour is here when pardon shall be spoken.
Yes, a voice in my heart is the token.
'Tis the voice of the Lord, who by my mouth thus speaketh.
Our prayers to him have risen,
And liberty is ours.
Brothers! we'll break from bondage!
Our altars raise once more
To our God, as before!

The Hebrews are cheered by *Samson's* words, but their mood soon changes when a number of Philistines enter and revile them. A fight occurs, and *Samson* wounds *Abimelech*. The High Priest of Dagon comes out of the Temple and curses *Samson*.

From the Temple now comes *Delilah*, followed by the Priestesses of Dagon, bearing flowers and singing of Spring. *Delilah* speaks to *Samson* and invites him to the valley where she dwells. He prays for strength to resist her fascinations, but in spite of himself he is forced to look at her as she dances with the maidens. As the young girls dance *Delilah* sings to *Samson* the lovely *Song of Spring*.

(*French*) (*German*)

## Printemps qui commence—Der Fruhling erwachte (Delilah's Song of Spring)

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| **By Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Contralto** | (*In German*) | **88417** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Gerville-Réache, Contralto** | (*In French*) | **88244** | **12-inch,** | **3.00** |
| **By Julia Culp, Contralto** | (*In French*) | **74430** | **12-inch,** | **1.50** |

DELILAH: Spring voices are singing,
Bright hope they are bringing,
All hearts making glad.
And gone sorrow's traces,
The soft air effaces
All days that are sad.
The earth glad and beaming,
With freshness is teeming.
In vain all my beauty:
I weep my poor fate!
(*She gazes fondly at Samson.*)
When night is descending,
With love all unending,
Bewailing my fate,
For him will I wait.
Till fond love returning,
In his bosom burning
May enforce his return!

*Samson* shows by his hesitation and troubled bearing that *Delilah* has shaken his resolutions, and as the curtain falls he is gazing at her, fascinated.

### ACT II

SCENE—*Delilah's Home in the Valley of Soreck*

*Delilah*, richly attired, is awaiting the coming of *Samson*, and muses on her coming triumph over his affections, and the plot to secure his downfall. In a fine air she calls on Love to aid her.

## Amour viens aider (Love, Lend Me Thy Might)

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| **By Louise Homer, Contralto** | (*In French*) | **88201** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |

DELILAH:
O Love! in my weakness give power!
Poison Samson's brave heart for me!
'Neath my soft sway may he be vanquished;
Tomorrow let him captive be!
Ev'ry thought of me he would banish,
And from his tribe he would swerve,
Could he only drive out the passion
That remembrance doth now preserve.
But he is under my dominion;
In vain his people may entreat.
'Tis I alone that can hold him—
I'll have him captive at my feet!

After a scene between *Delilah* and *Dagon*, who urges her not to fail in her purpose *Samson* arrives, impelled by a power he cannot resist.

*Delilah* greets him tenderly, and when he bitterly reproaches himself for his weakness, she sings that wonderfully beautiful song of love and passion.

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## Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix (My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice)

**By Louise Homer, Contralto**
(*In French*) 88199 12-inch, $3.00

**By Schumann-Heink, Contralto**
(*In German*) 88190 12-inch, 3.00

**By Jeanne Gerville-Réache, Contralto**
(*In French*) 88184 12-inch, 3.00

**By Elsie Baker, Contralto**
(*In English*) *16192 10-inch, .75

**By Michele Rinaldi with Vessella's Band**
*Cornet* *17216 10-inch, .75

This lovely air of *Delilah*, perhaps the most beautiful contralto air ever written, and the most familiar of the numbers in the opera, is in the repertoire of almost every contralto.

DELILAH:
My heart at thy sweet voice opens wide like the flower
Which the morn's kisses waken!
But, that I may rejoice, that my tears no more shower,
Tell thy love still unshaken!
O, say thou wilt not now leave Delilah again!
Repeat thine accents tender, ev'ry passionate vow,
O thou dearest of men!

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ALILA Five records of this well-known air are listed here.
at *Samson* confide to her the secret plans of the Hebrews, and when
Philistines, who are concealed, and *Samson* is overpowered.

(Italian)

# IL SEGRETO DI SUSANNA

*(Eel Seh-gray'-toh dee Soo-zan'-nah)*

(English)

# THE SECRET OF SUZANNE

*(Soo-zan')*

## OPERA IN ONE ACT

Text by Kalbeck; music by Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari. First production Munich, November 4, 1909; in America, at the Metropolitan, March, 1911, with White, Sammarco and Daddi.

### Characters

COUNT GIL (aged thirty) ..... Baritone
COUNTESS SUZANNE, his wife (aged twenty) ..... Soprano
SANTE, a servant (aged fifty) ..... Acting part

*Time and Place: A drawing room in Piedmont; 1840.*

*Il Segreto di Susanna* is a playful conceit, with a very simple little plot. *Count Gil* is very much in love with his wife, but is averse to cigarette smoke, and *Countess Suzanne*, who is a devotee of the cigarette, takes the opportunity to smoke during her husband's absence. On his return he smells the smoke and questions the servant, who denies being the guilty party. The *Count* immediately concludes that his beautiful wife is receiving attentions from some Piedmont gallant. His wife's efforts to pacify him are unsuccessful, and in a huff he leaves the house. On his departure *Suzanne* lights a cigarette, but on her husband's sudden return she throws it into the fire. The testy *Count* notices the fresh smoke and rushes about the apartment in jealous rage, determined to capture the culprit. Failing to find any one, he once more goes out. As *Suzanne* attempts to enjoy another cigarette, the *Count* peeps through the window, and seeing the smoke, rushes in triumph into the room. *Suzanne* hides the cigarette behind her, and the *Count*, trying to reach the imaginary man whom the lady is concealing, burns his hand! The secret is out, the *Count* forgives *Suzanne*, *Suzanne* forgives the *Count*, and husband and wife smoke a cigarette together.

MARIO SAMMARCO AND MLLE. LIPKOWSKA AS THE COUNT AND SUZANNE

Three of the best airs are offered—the charming duet of *Suzanne* and the *Count*, the *Via! cosi*, in which *Suzanne* entreats her husband not to go away angry; and the song of *Suzanne*, which tells of the delights of smoking.

**Il dolce idillio (Dost Thou Remember?)**
By Geraldine Farrar and Pasquale Amato (*In Italian*) 89057 12-inch, $4.00

**Via! cosi non mi lasciate (Do Not Go Like This)**
By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano (*In Italian*) 87136 10-inch, $2.00

**Oh gioia, la nube leggera (What Joy to Watch)**
By Frances Alda, Soprano (*In Italian*) 74388 12-inch, $1.50

(Italian)

# SEMIRAMIDE

*(Seh-mih-rah-mee'-dah)*

## TRAGIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS

nusic by Gioachino Antonio Rossini. It is founded on Voltaire's rst produced at the Fenice Theatre, Venice, February 3, 1823; in Theatre, July 15, 1824. In French, as *Semiramis*, it appeared in Paris, erican production occurred in New York, April 25, 1826. First New y 1, 1837. Some notable American revivals were in 1855 with Grisi vith Adelina Patti as *Semiramide;* and in 1894 with Melba and Scalchi.

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### Cast of Characters

SEMIRAMIDE, or SEMIRAMIS, Queen of Babylon....Soprano
ARSACES, commander in the Assyrian army, afterward the son of Ninus and heir to the throne..Contralto
THE GHOST OF NINUS.....Bass
OROE, chief of the Magi.....Bass
ASSUR, a Prince of the blood royal.....Bass
AZEMA, Princess of the blood royal.....Soprano
IDRENUS, of the royal household.....Tenor
MITRANES, of the royal household.....Baritone
Magi, Guards, Satraps, Slaves

The *Bel raggio*, a favorite cavatina with all prima donnas, and a brilliant and imposing air, occurs in the first act.

The scene shows the Temple of Belus, where a religious festival is in progress. *Semiramide* is about to announce an heir to the throne and has secretly determined to elect *Arsaces*, a young warrior, with whom she has fallen in love, unaware that he is in reality her own son.

FROM HARPER'S WEEKLY, 1860

ALBONI AS ARSACES

## Bel raggio lusinghier (Bright Gleam of Hope)

**By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano**
**(*In Italian*) 88141 12-inch, $3.00**

SEMIRAMIDE:
Here hope's consoling ray
Bids sorrow hence away,
And joy calls from above!
Arsaces to my love soon will return dejected,
But ere while with grief I dropp'd my head,
Now once more beams my smile!
Hence all my doubts have fled,
No more I feel the sway of grief and anguish
dread!
Yes! now hope's consoling ray
Bids dark sorrow hence away,
And calls down joy from above,
Awhile in this breast to stay.
Arsaces will return!
Vision enchanting, my spirit haunting,
With fond emotion thou fill'st my heart,
Ah, bright smiles the morn
When dark waves of sorrow
Like some wild ocean sink and depart!

FROM HARPER'S WEEKLY

TAMBURINI AS ASSUR

Rossini, who objected to the ornamentation of his music by famous singers, is said to have written this air in so elaborate a fashion as to make further additions impossible. But even as left by Rossini, *Bel raggio* is not sufficiently elaborate to show the skill of a Sembrich, and the additions with which the *diva* has embellished it not only make it more dazzling, but belong also to the true spirit of the air.

Thus the inspiring declamatory passages, with their brilliant runs, receive a lavish addition of the singer's splendid high notes, notably the high B on the *alfin perme brillo*, and the astonishing arpeggio up to C sharp on the *dal mio pensier* which follows.

The ensuing *cantabile* is sung with all the *legato* and grace which it requires, its principal figure being also additionally embellished.

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### DOUBLE-FACED SEMIRAMIDE RECORD

**Overture By Police Band of Mexico City**
***Marche Slave* (*Op. 31*)**
***By Arthur Pryor's Band***
**35167 12-inch, $1.25**

leeping Brünnhilde

(German)

# SIEGFRIED

(*Zeeg'-freed*)

## MUSIC DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

### Second Opera of the Rhinegold Trilogy

Words and music by Wagner. First produced at Bayreuth, August 16, 1876. It was given in French at Brussels, June 12, 1891, and subsequently at the Opéra in Paris. In London (in English) by the Carl Rosa Company, in 1898. First American production in New York, November 9, 1887, with Lehmann, Fischer, Alvary and Seidl-Kraus.

### Characters

SIEGFRIED ..... Tenor
MIME (*Mee'-meh*) ..... Tenor
THE WANDERER (WOTAN) ..... Baritone
ALBERICH (*Ahl'-ber-ik'h*) ..... Baritone
FAFNER (*Faf'-ner*) ..... Bass
ERDA (*Air'-dah*) ..... Contralto
BRÜNNHILDE (*Bruen-hill'-d'h*) ..... Mezzo-Soprano

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There is little of tragedy and much of lightness and the joy of youth and love in this most beautiful of the Ring Cycle, which tells of the young *Siegfried*,—impetuous, brave, joyful and handsome; and *Brünnhilde*, the god-like maid—unselfish, lovely, innocent, who finds she is but a woman after all.

After *Sieglinde* had been saved from the wrath of *Wotan* by *Brünnhilde* (related in the last part of *Walküre*), she wanders through the forest and dies in giving birth to the child *Siegfried*, who is found and brought up by *Mime*, the *Niblung*.

In the first two acts of Siegfried the hero is shown in his forest home, where he mends his father's sword, and with it slays the dragon. Having accidentally tasted the dragon's blood, he becomes able to understand the language of the birds, which tells him of *Brünnhilde*, the fair maiden who sleeps on the fire-encircled rock. He follows the guidance of one of the birds, cuts through the spear of *Wotan*, who endeavors to stop him, and penetrates the flames. On the top of the rock he beholds the sleeping *Valkyrie* covered with her shield. He removes the armor, and *Brünnhilde* lies before him in soft, womanly garments. She is the first woman he has ever seen, and he kneels down and kisses her long and fervently. He then starts up in alarm; *Brünnhilde* has opened her eyes. He looks at her in wonder, and both remain for some time gazing at each other. She recognizes him as *Siegfried*, and hails him as the hero who is to save the world. This part of the trilogy ends in a splendid duet.

PASEL BY BRAUNE

SIEGFRIED AND THE SWORD

### ACT I. SCENE—*A Forest. At One Side a Cave*

*Mime*, the *Niblung*, brother of *Alberich*, found *Sieglinde* in the forest after she had escaped from *Wotan*, and brought up her child, knowing that it was *Siegfried*, who was destined to kill *Fafner* and regain the Ring. The opera opens with an air by *Mime*, who is discovered at the anvil in his forest smithy trying to forge a sword for Siegfried.

## Zwangvolle Plage! (Heartbreaking Bondage)

By Albert Reiss, Tenor (*In German*) 74235 12-inch, $1.50

Mr. Reiss' wonderful character study of the dwarf gains each year in the sardonic and malignant side of *Mime's* nature, but is always amusing, nevertheless.

*Siegfried*, in forest dress, with a horn around his neck, bursts impetuously from the woods. He is driving a great bear and urges it with merry roughness towards *Mime*, who drops the sword in terror and hides behind the forge. Taking pity on the frightened dwarf, *Siegfried* drives the bear back into the wood, and seeing the sword, breaks it over the anvil, as he has broken all of the others. He questions *Mime* about his childhood, and the dwarf tells him reluctantly about his mother and about the sword his father had broken in his last fight. *Siegfried* demands that *Mime* shall mend his father's sword without delay, and goes back into the forest.

*Wotan* now enters and in answer to *Mime's* questions says he is the *Wanderer*, and speaks to *Mime* of the sword, telling him that only he who knows no fear will be able to forge the broken weapon. After the *Wanderer* has departed, *Siegfried* returns, and *Mime*, who is now beginning to be afraid of the youth, tells him that it was his mother's wish that he should learn fear. "What is this fear?" says *Siegfried*, and *Mime* attempts to describe it.

MIMI: Accursed steel! I cannot restore it! (Siegfried, Act I.)

MIME: Feltest thou ne'er in forest dark,
Feltest thou then, no grisly gruesomeness grow
o'er thy fancy?
Balefullest shudders shake thy whole body,
In thy breast bursting and big
Beat thy hammering heart?

*Siegfried* regretfully admits that he has never felt any such sensation. *Mimi*, in despair, then tells him of the Dragon which dwells near by. *Siegfried* eagerly asks *Mime* to conduct him hither, but says he must have his sword mended first, and, when *Mime* refuses, he forges it himself. When it is finished, to try the blade, he strikes the anvil a mighty blow and splits it in half, while *Mime* falls on the ground in extreme terror. *Siegfried* brandishes the sword and shouts with glee as the curtain falls.

### ACT II. SCENE—*The Dragon's Cave in the Forest*

*Fafner*, who has changed himself into a dragon, the better to guard his gold, dwells within a cave, keeping constant watch. *Alberich* is spying near by, hoping to regain the treasure by killing the hero whom he knows will overcome the Dragon. The *Wanderer* enters and warns *Alberich* of the approach of *Siegfried*. *Alberich*

wakes the Dragon and offers to save its life in return for the Ring. *Fafner* contemptuously refuses, and makes light of the hero's prowess. *Wotan* departs, laughing at the discomfited *Alberich*, who hides as *Siegfried* and *Mime* approach. The latter is still trying to terrorize *Siegfried* with awful descriptions of the Dragon, but *Siegfried* laughs at him and finally drives him away.

The young hero, left alone, sits down under a tree and meditates about his mother, whom he pictures as gentle and beautiful. His dreaming is ended by the song of the birds, and he regrets that he cannot understand their language. He answers their song with a blast of his horn, which disturbs *Fafner* and the Dragon utters an awful roar, which, however, only makes the youth laugh. The Dragon rushes upon him, but *Siegfried* jumps aside and buries his faithful sword in the reptile's heart.

Having accidentally tasted of the Dragon's blood by carrying his stained hand to his lips, he finds to his astonishment that he is able to understand the song of the bird, which tells him to go into the cave and secure the Ring. *Siegfried* thanks the warbler and goes into the cavern. *Mime* comes back and, seeing the dead *Fafner*, is about to enter the cave when *Alberich* stops him and a heated argument occurs. This scene has been given for the Victor by two celebrated impersonators of these rôles, Goritz and Reiss.

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KRAUS AS SIEGFRIED

## Wohin schleichst du? (Whither Slinkest Thou?)

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone, and Albert Reiss, Tenor**

**(*In German*) 64215 10-inch, $1.00**

KNOTE AS SIEGFRIED

ALBERICH:
Wither slinkest thou, hasty and sly, slippery scamp?

MIME:
Accursed brother, what brings thee here?
I bid thee hence.

ALBERICH:
Graspest thou, rogue, towards my gold?
Dost lust for my goods?

MIME:
Yield the position! This station is mine.
What stirrest thou here?

ALBERICH:
Startled art thou from stealthy concerns, that I've disturbed?

MIME:
What I have shaped with shrewdest toil shall not be shaken.

ALBERICH:
Was't thou that robbed the golden Ring from the Rhine?
Or charged it with great and choice enchantment around?

MIME:
Who formed the Tarnhelm which to all forms can turn?
By thee 'twas wanted; its worker wert thou too?

ALBERICH:
What couldst thou ere, fool,
By thyself have fancied and fashioned?
The magic Ring made the dwarf meet for the task.

MIME:
Where now is thy Ring?
The giants have robbed thee, thou recreant!
What thou hast lost, by my lore, belike, I will gain.

ALBERICH:
By the boy's exploit
Shalt thou, booby, be bettered?
Thou shalt have it not,
For its holder in truth is he.

Vision

MIME:
I nourished him,
And his nurse now shall he pay:
For toil and woe long while have I waited reward.

ALBERICH:
For a bantling's keep
Would this beggarly, niggardly boor,
Bold and blustering,
Be well nigh as a king?
To rankest of doge booteth the ring
Far rather than thee:
Never, thou rogue, shall reach thee the magic round!

MIME:
Then hold it still and heed it well,
Thy hoarded Ring.
Be thou head, and yet hail me as a brother!
For my own Tarnhelm,
Excellent toy, I'll tender it thee!
'Twill boot us twain,
Twin we the booty like this.

ALBERICH (*laughing scornfully*):
Twin it with thee?
And the Tarnhelm too?

MIME (*beside himself*):
Wilt not bargain? Wilt not barter?
Giv'st thou to me no booty?

ALBERICH:
Not an atom, not e'en a nail's worth!

MIME (*furiously*):
In the Ring and Tarnhelm
Ne'er shalt thou triumph!
Nought talk we of shares!
Siegfried, the caustic boy,
Shall crush thee, brother of mine!

ALBERICH:
The Tarnhelm he holds!—

MIME:
Aye, and the Ring!—
(*With an evil laugh*):
Let him the Ring to thee render!
I ween full soon I shall win it.
(*He slips back into the wood.*)

SIEGFRIED

ALBERICH:
And yet to its lord
Shall it alone be delivered!
(*He disappears in the cleft.*)

They hide themselves as *Siegfried* comes from the cave with the Ring, the value of which he does not yet comprehend. The bird's voice is again heard explaining its history, and revealing the intended treachery of *Mime*. When the dwarf approaches, *Siegfried* is able, by the magic of the Ring, to read his thoughts. Horrified to learn that *Mime* is planning to kill him, he strikes down the dwarf and throws his corpse in the cave, rolling the body of the Dragon before the entrance.

Wearied by his adventures, *Siegfried* reclines under the tree and asks the bird to sing again. This time the songster reveals to him that *Brünnhilde* lies sleeping, waiting for the hero who is able to reach the fire-encircled spot.

THE BIRD:
Hey! Siegfried has slain now the sinister dwarf!
I wot for him now a glorious wife.
In guarded fastness she sleeps,
Fire doth emborder the spot:
O'erstepped he the blaze,
Waked he the bride.
Brünnhilde then would be his!

SIEGFRIED (*starting impetuously to his feet*):
O lovely song! Sweetest delight!
How burns its sense my suffering breast!
But once more say to me, lovely singer,—
May I the furnace then break through?
And waken the marvelous bride?

THE BIRD:
The bride is won,
Brünnhilde awaked by faint-heart ne'er:
But by him who knows not fear.

He laughs with delight, saying, "Why, this stupid lad who knows not fear,—it is I!" and follows the bird, who flies ahead to guide him to *Brünnhilde's* fiery couch.

## ACT III

### SCENE—*A Wild Region at the Foot of a Rocky Mountain*

The act opens with a long scene between *Erda* and *Wotan*. The god summons his earth goddess wife and tries to consult her regarding the coming deliverance of the world

*rünnhilde.* The goddess, however, is confused and bewildered by and fails to give counsel, asking only to be allowed to return to her ; of the struggle against fate, renounces his sway over the world, love must supplant the rule of the gods.

*Siegfried* approaches and *Wotan* attempts to bar his way as a final trial of his courage. The youth, however, makes short work of the weary god, shatters his spear at a single stroke, and continues on his way singing:

SIEGFRIED:
Ha! Heavenly glow! brightening glare!
Roads are now opening radiantly round me!
In fire will I bathe,
Through fire will I fare to my bride!
Oho! Oho! Aha! Aha! Gaily! Gaily!
Soon greets me a glorious friend!

As the hero plunges fearlessly through the fire the flames gradually abate, and when he reaches the sleeping *Brünnhilde* they die out completely. *Siegfried* approaches the unconscious maiden with awe and removes her helmet. He is speechless with admiration, and naively asks if the strange emotion which he feels can be fear. Finally, when he presses an ardent kiss on her lips she awakes and greets him joyfully as the hero *Siegfried* who is to save the world. After a long scene in which *Siegfried's* ardent wooing is gently repressed by *Brünnhilde*, he finally seizes her in his arms. Frightened, she repulses him, crying:

SCENE FOR THE PROLOGUE

(Russian)

# SNEGOUROTCHKA

(French) (English)

# LA FILLE DE NEIGE THE SNOW MAIDEN

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS AND A PROLOGUE

Text by Ostrovsky, based on the old folk-lore tale of the *Snow Maiden*. Music by Nicolai Andreyevich Rimsky-Korsakoff. First production St. Petersburg, March, 1882. Produced at the Private Opera, Moscow, 1911. In Paris, at the *Opéra Comique*, June, 1908. The work has not yet been given in America.

### Characters

SNEGOUROTCHKA, the Snow Maiden ..... Soprano
MISGUIR, her lover ..... Baritone
SHEPHERD LEHL ..... Contralto
CZAR BERENDEY ..... Tenor
BOBY ..... Bass
BOBYLYCKA, his wife ..... Soprano
KOUPAVA, betrothed to Misguir ..... Contralto

*The scene is laid in Berendey, an imaginary province of Russia.*

## OF THE OPERA—THE SNOW MAIDEN

Those who have enjoyed Mme. Gluck's beautiful interpretation of *The Snow Maiden* air will like to know something of this Russian opera, and we therefore give a brief sketch of the plot.

The opera abounds in picturesque scenes, representing Winter and Spring, and the poetic little story is supposed to take place in the happy country of Berendey, an unknown province of an imaginary Russia, ruled by a benevolent old *Czar* who has devoted his life to the happiness of his people, governing his kingdom by the law of love.

The beautiful, unknown *Snegourotchka*, daughter of old *Winter* and the fairy *Spring*, is found one cold morning by some villagers, abandoned in the forest, and the old drunkard, *Boby*, and his wife, *Bobylycka*, adopt her without knowing her parentage. *Misguir*, a merchant, falls in love with her, abandoning his sweetheart *Koupava*, but *Snegourotchka*, as her name indicates, is made of ice, and her coldness and indifference discourage all the young men who are infatuated with her beauty. Even the handsome shepherd *Lehl*, who sings such wonderful songs, gives up in despair and offers his heart to *Koupava*. The old *Czar* is grieved that this coldness has entered his kingdom, and offers the hand of the *Snow Maiden* and a handsome gift besides to any one who can win her love. *Snegourotchka* finds it impossible to love, and appeals to her mother, the fairy *Spring*, who invokes the aid of the flowers—the carnation lending its grace, the rose its heart and the jasmine its languor. This influence gradually touches the heart of the *Snow Maiden*, and she finds herself ındsome *Misguir*. They both attend the festival of lovers and present

LANDE THE SLEEP-WALKING SCENE—ACT III, SCENE II

(Italian) (English)

# LA SONNAMBULA—THE SOMNAMBULIST

(*Lah Son-nahm'-boo-lah*)

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Libretto by Felice Romani; music by Vincenzo Bellini. Produced at the *Teatro Carcano*, Milan, March 6, 1831; Paris, October 28, 1831; and at the King's Theatre, London, July 28th of the same year. At Drury Lane in English, under the Italian title, May 1, 1833. First performance in New York, in English, at the Park Theatre, November 13, 1835, with Brough, Richings, and Mr. and Mrs. Wood. First New Orleans performance, January 14, 1840. First performance in Italian in New York, Palmo's Opera Company, May 11, 1844. Revived in 1905 at the Metropolitan with Caruso, Sembrich and Plançon; at the Manhattan Opera, 1909, with Tetrazzini, Trentini, Parola and de Segurola.

### Characters

COUNT RUDOLPH, lord of the village ..... Bass
TERESA, milleress ..... Mezzo-Soprano
AMINA, orphan adopted by Teresa, betrothed to Elvino ..... Soprano
ELVINO, wealthy peasant ..... Tenor
LISA, inn-keeper, in love with Elvino ..... Soprano
ALESSIO, peasant, in love with Lisa ..... Bass
Peasants and Peasant Women.

*The scene is laid in a Swiss village.*

How our grandfathers and grandmothers doted on this fine old opera by Bellini! In the '30's it was a novelty by a young and gifted composer; by 1850 it was part of every opera season and shone through a halo of great casts—Malibran, Pasta, Jenny Lind, Gerster, Campanini, Grisi—and in the '60's and '70's it continued to be popular. Then came the Wagnerian era, and the pretty little pastoral work was all but forgotten until the recent revival, which greatly delighted Metropolitan audiences.

### ACT I

SCENE—*A Village Green*

The peasants are making merry in honor of the marriage of *Amina* and *Elvino*. *Lisa*, the hostess of the inn, enters and gives way to bitter reflections. She also loves *Elvino*, and her jealousy finds expression in a melodious air, *Sounds So Joyful*. *Alessio*, a villager who fancies *Lisa*, tries to console her, but she repulses him. *Amina* and her friends enter, followed soon after by *Elvino*, and the marriage contract is signed. *Elvino* places the ring on his bride's finger, and they sing a charming duet, *Take Now This Ring*.

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ıny and Fernando De Lucia (*In Italian*) 89045 12-inch, $4.00
ı, Tenor (*In Italian*) *62092 10-inch, .75

ıtion is interrupted by the sound of horses' hoofs, and a handsome and enters, inquires the way to the castle, and learning that it is some nain at the inn. He looks around him, appearing to recognize the : air, *Vi ravviso.*

## I View These

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## D'un pensiero (Hear Me Swear, Then)

**By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano; Aristodemo Giorgini, Tenor; and Chorus** (*In Italian*) **88255 12-inch, $3.00**

AMINA:
Not in thought's remotest dreaming,
Was a crime by me intended;
Is the little faith now granted,
Fit return for so much love?

ELVINO:
Heav'n forgive ye, this guilt redeeming;
May thy breast be ne'er thus rended;
With what love my soul was haunted,
Let these burning tear-drops prove!

Finding all turned against her except her mother, she runs to the maternal arms, while *Elvino* rushes from the room. The curtain falls.

### ACT III

SCENE I—*A Shady Valley near the Castle*

*Amina* and *Teresa* enter on their way to the castle to plead with the Count to clear the girl's good name. Seeing *Elvino, Amina* makes another effort to convince him she is still true, but he reproaches her bitterly, takes the ring from her finger, and rushes away.

SCENE II—*A Street in the Village. Teresa's mill on the left*

The villagers enter and inform *Lisa* that *Elvino* has transferred his affections to her. He enters and confirms the good news, and they go toward the church. The Count stops them, and assures *Elvino* that *Amina* is the victim of a dreadful misunderstanding. *Elvino* refuses to listen to him and bids *Lisa* follow him to the church, but they are again interrupted by *Teresa,* who has learned of the proposed marriage, and now shows *Lisa's* veil which she had found in the Count's room. "Deceived again," cries *Elvino,* and asks if any of these women are to be trusted.

*Rudolph* assures him again that *Amina* is guiltless, and *Elvino* desperately says, "But where is the proof?" "There," cries the Count, suddenly pointing to *Amina,* who in her night dress comes from a window in the mill roof, carrying a lamp. All watch her breathlessly, fearing to wake her lest she fall. She climbs down to the bridge over the wheel, and descends the stairs. The first of the two lovely airs for *Amina* in this act now occurs.

## Ah! non credea mirarti (Could I Believe)

**By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88305 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Graziella Pareto, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **76003 12-inch, 2.00**
**By Alma Gluck, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **74263 12-inch, 1.50**

*Ah! non credea* is sung by the sleeper as she descends from her dangerous position, while her lover and friends watch in terror, fearing to awaken her. It opens with a beautiful *cantabile* in the key of A minor, its pathos being fully in keeping with the plight of *Amina,* who, being discarded by her lover and doubted by her friends, weeps over her short-lived love and happiness. Regarding the flowers which her lover had given her, she exclaims:

AMINA:
Ah! must ye fade, sweet flowers,
Forsaken by sunlight and showers,
As transient as lover's emotion
That lives and withers in one short day!

But tho' no sunshine o'er ye,
These tears might yet restore ye,
But estranged devotion
No mourner's tears have power to stay!

—From the Ditson Edition.

*Elvino* can restrain himself no longer, and rushes to *Amina,* who wakes, and seeing *Elvino* on his knees before her, utters a cry of delight and falls in his arms.

The opera then closes with the joyous, bird-like air, *Ah! non giunge,* which is a fitting close to this charming work, with its graceful and tender music and peaceful pastoral scenes.

## Ah, non giunge (Oh, Recall Not One Earthly Sorrow)

**By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88313 12-inch, $3.00**
**By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano** (*In Italian*) **88027 12-inch, 3.00**

AMINA:
Do not mingle one human feeling
With the rapture o'er each sense stealing;
See these tributes, to me revealing
My Elvino, true to love.

Ah, embrace me, and thus forgiving,
Each a pardon is now receiving;
On this bright earth, while we are living,
Let us form here a heaven of love!

### DOUBLE-FACED SONNAMBULA RECORDS

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| **Vi ravviso** | **By Perello de Segurola, Bass** | (*In Italian*) | **62092** | **10-inch, $0.75** |
| **Prendi l'anel ti dono** | **By Emilio Perea, Tenor** | (*In Italian*) | | |
| **Ah! fosco ciel!** | **By La Scala Chorus** | (*In Italian*) | **62642** | **10-inch, .75** |
| ***Lohengrin—Coro Nuziale*** | ***By La Scala Chorus*** | (*In Italian*) | | |

THE VENETIAN SCENE AT THE OPÉRA-COMIQUE

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# IOFFMANN

(English)
# TALES OF HOFFMAN

## THE PROLOGUE

This introductory scene occurs in Nuremberg at Luther's tavern, a popular student resort. *Hoffman*, the favorite of all, enters with his friend *Nicholas* and joins in the merry-making. In response to calls for a song, *Hoffman* sings the *Ballad of Klein-Zach*, and then volunteers to relate his three love affairs. This proposal is greeted with enthusiasm, and as *Hoffman* begins by saying "The name of my first was Olympia," the curtain falls. When it rises, the first tale of *Hoffman* is seen in actual performance.

PROLOGUE—THE LEGEND OF KLEINSACK

## ACT I

*Spalanzani*, a wealthy man with a mania for automatons, has perfected a marvelous mechanical figure of a young girl which he calls *Olympia*, pretending it is his daughter. *Hoffman* and *Nicholas* call upon him, and during *Spalanzani's* absence, *Hoffman* discovers *Olympia*, and falls in love at sight. Unable to take his eyes from the doll-like perfection of the figure, he expresses his infatuation in a beautiful air.

### C'est elle ("Tis She!)

**By Charles Dalmores, Tenor (*In French*) 87089 10-inch, $2.00**

Dalmores makes a great success in the part of *Hoffman*. This rôle calls for a handsome appearance, a gallant bearing, and enduring vocal powers, and this tenor fills these requirements admirably. He sings this beautiful air with graceful fluency and much warmth of tone.

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DALMORES AS HOFFMAN

*Nicholas* tries in vain to prevent his friend from making a fool of himself, but *Hoffman*, owing to the magic glasses *Spalanzani* has induced him to wear, sees only a lovely woman instead of an automaton; but is undeceived when he dances with the figure and she falls to pieces before his astonished eyes.

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OLYMPIA, THE MECHANICAL DOLL

## ACT II

This adventure concerns the *Lady Giulietta*, who resides in Venice. Among her many friends are *Hermann* and *Nathaniel*, and the latter, fearing the power of the lovely coquette, tries to get *Hermann* away, but he insists that he is proof against her fascinations. *Dapertutto*, the real lover of the lady, hearing this boast, induces *Giulietta* to try her arts on the young man. She succeeds, and *Hoffman*, madly in love, challenges *Giulietta's* protector, *Schlemil*, and kills him in a duel. *Hoffman* rushes back to his charmer's residence only to find that she has fled with her chosen admirer.

This second tale introduces that lovely gem, the *Barcarolle*, with its languorous, fascinating rhythm and charming melody.

TALES OF HOFFMAN—ACT III—THE BARCAROLLE

## Nuit (Oh, Night of Love)

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| rrar and Antonio Scotti | (*In French*) | 87502 | 10-inch, | $3.00 |
| and Louise Homer | (*In French*) | 87202 | 10-inch, | 2.00 |

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ANTONIA

## ACT III

The third adventure of *Hoffman* introduces us to an humble German home where *Antonia*, a young singer, has become the victim of consumption. She is forbidden to sing by her father, but a *Dr. Miracle*, who is the secret enemy of the family, urges her on, and *Hoffman*, who knows nothing of the poor girl's affliction, sees her literally sing herself to death, and she dies in his arms.

### Romance—Elle a fui (The Dove Has Flown)

By Lucrezia Bori, Soprano

(*In French*) 88525 12-inch, $3.00

The pathetic air sung by the unfortunate young singer, *Antonia*, whose life is finally sacrificed to her art.

## THE EPILOGUE

The epilogue shows again the tavern of the prologue, where *Hoffman* is apparently just concluding his third tale. Having tried three kinds of love—the love that is inspired by mere beauty, the sensuous love, and the affection that springs from the heart—he says he has learned his lesson, and will henceforth devote himself to art, the only mistress who will prove faithful. He bids farewell to another of his flames, *Stella*, an opera singer, and as the curtain falls is left alone, dreaming, while the Muse appears and bids him follow her.

## MISCELLANEOUS HOFFMAN RECORDS

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| Gems from Tales of Hoffman<br>Chorus, "Our Good Host"—Solo, "Song of Olympia"—Chorus, "Hear Him His Tales Disclose"—Solo, "Ah, Now Within My Heart"—Barcarolle, "Oh, Night Divine"—Chorus, "See She Dances"—Finale, "Fill Up Our Glasses"<br>*Gems from Mignon* | By Victor Opera Company<br>*By Victor Light Opera Company* | 35337 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| Barcarolle—*Waltz* (*For Dancing*)<br>*Passing of Salome—Waltz* | By Victor Military Band<br>*By Victor Military Band* | 35383 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Tales of Hoffman Selection | By Victor Concert Orch. | 31820 | 12-inch, | 1.00 |
| Barcarolle<br>*Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo* | By Victor Concert Orchestra<br>*By Victor Concert Orchestra* | 17311 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| Barcarolle—O, Night of Love<br>*Fatinitza Selection* (*von Suppe*) | By Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler<br>*By Pryor's Band* | 16827 | 10-inch, | .75 |

LE THÉÂTRE

EPILOGUE—HOFFMAN AND THE MUSE

## THE STORY

Königlich Sächsisches Hoftheater.
Sonntag, den 19. October 1845.
Zum ersten Male.
Tannhäuser
und
der Sängerkrieg auf Wartburg.
Große romantische Oper in 3 Akten, von Richard Wagner.
Preise.
Erhöhete Einlaß-Preise:

FIRST PROGRAM OF TANNHÄUSER, 1845

There are a great many people who like to go to the opera, but who do not care for Wagner's Ring Operas, with their Teutonic myths and legends, and their long and sometimes undeniably tedious scenes. But *Tannhäuser,* with its poetry, romance and passion, and above all its characters, who are real human beings and not mysterious mythological gods, goddesses and heroes, appeals strongly to everyone.

To show the wonderful vogue of this work, it is estimated that more than one thousand performances of the opera take place annually throughout the world; and in Germany during the decade 1901-1910 it was given 3,243 times.

The story is quite familiar, but the chief events will be noted here in brief. It tells of conflict between two kinds of love: true love of the highest human kind as distinguished from mere sensuous passion; and relates how the higher and purer love triumphed in the end.

*Tannhäuser,* a knight and minstrel, in an evil moment, succumbs to the wiles of *Venus* and dwells for a year in the Venusberg. Tiring of these monotonous delights, he leaves the goddess and returns to his home, where he is warmly received and told that the fair *Elizabeth,* niece of the *Landgrave,* still mourns for him. He is urged to compete in the Tournament of Song not far distant, the prize being the hand of *Elizabeth.* The theme of the contest is The Nature of Love, and when *Tannhäuser's* turn arrives the evil influence of the Venusberg is apparent when he delivers a wild and profane eulogy of passion. Outraged by this insult the minstrels draw their swords to slay him. Coming to his senses, too late, he repents, and when a company of Pilgrims pass on their way to Rome, he joins them to seek pardon for his sin. In the last act we see *Elizabeth,* weary and worn, supported by the noble *Wolfram,* who

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SETTING OF ACT III AT THE METROPOLITAN

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also loves her, watching for the Pilgrims to return, but *Tannhäuser* is not among them. *Elizabeth* is overcome with disappointment and feebly returns to her home.

*Tannhäuser* now appears, in a wretched plight, on his way to re-enter the Hill of Venus. He tells *Wolfram* that he appealed to the Pope for pardon, but was told that his redemption was as impossible as that the Pope's staff should put forth leaves. *Wolfram's* remonstrances are in vain, and *Tannhäuser* is about to invoke the goddess, when a chant is heard and the Pilgrims appear, announcing that the Pope's staff had blossomed as a sign that the sinner was forgiven. *Tannhäuser* kneels in prayer as the mourners pass with the body of *Elizabeth*, who, overcome by her bitter disappointment, had suddenly passed away.

## Overture—Part I

By Arthur Pryor's Band

31382 12-inch, $1.00

## Overture—Part II

By Arthur Pryor's Band

31383 12-inch, 1.00

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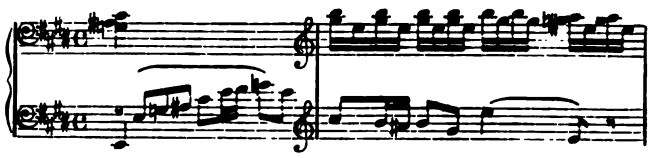
| Overture—Part I<br>Overture—Part II | By La Scala Orchestra<br>By La Scala Orchestra | 68205 | 12-inch, 1.25 |

This overture, with its sombre opening chorus, its weird music of the Venus Mount, and the final return of the penitents, when the chant is accompanied by a striking variation for clarinets, is one of the greatest works of Wagner. It has become quite familiar by its frequent repetitions in orchestra and military band concerts, and no concert piece is more admired.

The overture depicts the struggle between good and evil, and as Liszt has said, is a poem on the same subject as the opera and equally comprehensive.

The sombre religious motive appears first:

beginning softly and gradually swelling to a *fortissimo*. Then, as it is dying away, it is suddenly interrupted by the Venusberg motive:



with its rising tide of sensual sounds. This motive continues with terrible persistence, leading into *Tannhäuser's* hymn to *Venus*, after which the enchanting Venus motive returns and is developed with various changes. The tide now changes again and the majestic pilgrim theme predominates, finally reaching a climax in the final hymn of triumph.

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## Pilgrims' Chorus

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| By Gertrud Runge, Soprano, and Nebe Qt. (*German*) | 68352 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| By Pryor's Band | 31160 | 12-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Pryor's Band (*Double-faced—See page 488*) | 16537 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| By Victor Brass Quartet (*Double-faced—See page 488*) | 17133 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| By Victor Male Chorus (*Double-faced—See page 488*) (*English*) | 17563 | 10-inch, | .75 |

TANNHAUSER (*kneeling in ecstasy*):

Almighty, praise to Thee!
Great are the marvels of Thy mercy!
Oh, see my heart by guilt oppress'd—
I faint, I sink beneath the burden!
Nor will I cease, nor will I rest,
Till heav'nly mercy grant me pardon!

The *Landgrave* and several minstrels now enter, and seeing a knight kneeling in prayer, accost him. They are amazed and delighted to see that it is the long lost *Henry*, their brother knight. They question him, but he gives evasive replies. The Knights urge him to return with them, and speak the name of *Elizabeth, Wolfram* telling him that he is beloved by the *Landgrave's* fair niece.

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RENAUD AS WOLFRAM

WOLFRAM:

When for the palm in song we were contending,
And oft thy conq'ring strain the wreath had won,
Our songs anon thy victory, suspending,
One glorious prize was won by thee alone!
Was't magic, or a pow'r divine,
That wrought thro' thee the wondrous sign,
Thy harp and song in blissful hour
Enthrall'd of royal maids the flower!
For ah, when thou in scorn hadst left us,
Her heart was closed to joy and song,
Of her sweet presence she bereft us,
For thee in vain she wearied long.
Oh! minstrel bold, return and rest thee,
Once more awake the joyous strain!

*Tannhäuser* joyfully consents to return and promises to compete in the forthcoming Tournament of Song, the prize for which is to be the hand of *Elizabeth*. The remainder of the hunting train of the *Landgrave* now arrives, and as *Tannhäuser* is being greeted by his friends, the curtain falls.

## ACT II

SCENE—*The Great Hall in the Wartburg*

*Elizabeth* enters, full of joy over the return of *Tannhäuser*, and greets the Hall in a noble song.

## Dich, theure Halle (Hail, Hall of Song)

By Johanna Gadski (*German*) 88057 12-inch, $3.00

ELIZABETH:

Oh, hall of song, I give thee greeting!
All hail to thee, thou hallowed place!
'Twas here that dream so sweet and fleeting,
Upon my heart his song did trace.
But since by him forsaken
A desert thou dost seem—
Thy echoes only waken
Remembrance of a dream.
But now the flame of hope is lighted,
Thy vault shall ring with glorious war;
For he whose strains my soul delighted
No longer roams afar!

Mme. Gadski sings this glorious air in a surpassingly beautiful fashion.

*Tannhäuser* enters and kneels at the feet of *Elizabeth*, who in blushing confusion bids him rise.

## Verzeiht wenn ich nicht weiss (Forgive, I Scarcely Know What I am Saying)

By Johanna Gadski (*German*) 88442 12-in., $3.00

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FARRAR AS ELIZABETH

GRAND, BAYREUTH

THE HALL OF SONG - ACT II

The Knights and Ladies now assemble to the strains of the no here in splendid fashion by Sousa's Band.

## Fest March

**By Sousa's Band** **314**

**By Sousa's Band** *(Double-faced—See page 488)* **165**

When the company is seated, the *Landgrave* rises and makes the

LANDGRAVE:

Minstrels assembled here I give you greeting

## Wolfram's Ansprache (Wolfram's Eulogy of Love)

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone** (*In German*) **74215 12-inch, $1.50**

**The singer gives his conception of love, which he describes as pure and ethereal, comparing it to a crystal spring.**

WOLFRAM:

Gazing around upon this fair assembly,
How doth the heart expand to see the scene!
These gallant heroes, valiant, wise and gentle—
A stately forest soaring fresh and green.
And blooming by their side in sweet perfection,
I see a wreath of dames and maidens fair:
Their blended glories dazzle the beholder—
My song is mute before this vision rare!
I raised my eyes to one whose starry splendor
In this bright heaven with mild effulgence beams,
And gazing on that pure and tender radiance,
My heart was sunk in prayerful holy dreams.
And lo! the source of all delights and power
Was then unto my listening soul revealed,
From whose unfathomed depths all joy doth shower—
The tender balm in which all grief is healed.
Oh, may I never dim its limpid waters,
Or rashly trouble them with wild desires!
I worship thee kneeling, with soul devoted:
To live and die for thee my heart aspires!
(*After a pause.*)
I know not if these feeble words can render
What I have felt of love both true and tender.

***Tannhäuser*, who has shown signs of impatience during this recital, now jumps to his feet, flushed and eager, while the company looks at him in astonishment.**

TANNHAUSER:

Oh, minstrel, if 'tis thus thou singest,
Thou ne'er hast known or tasted love!
If thou desire an unapproached perfection—
Behold the stars—adore their bright reflection—
They were not made to be belov'd:
(*Ardently.*)
But what can yield to soft caresses,
And, fram'd with me in mortal mould
Gentle persuasion's rule confesses,
And in these arms I may unfold—
This is for joy, and knows no measure,
For love's fulfillment is its pleasure!

**At this definition of love, strange for such an occasion, *Biterolf*, a hotheaded Knight, rises and challenges *Tannhäuser*, who excitedly retorts that such a grim wolf as *Biterolf* can know nothing of the delights of love! He then, in wild exultation, sings his blasphemous *Praise of Venus*, saying**

TANNHAUSER:

Dull mortals, who of love have never tasted
Go forth! Venus alone can show ye love!

**At this the Knights rush toward him with drawn swords, exclaiming:**

KNIGHTS:

Ye all have heard,
His mouth hath confess'd
That he hath shared the joys of Hell,
In Venus' dark abode that dwell,
Disown him—curse him—banish him!
Or let his traitor life-blood flow!

***Elizabeth* throws herself in front of the unhappy *Tannhäuser*, who stands as if in a trance. She begs for his life in a touching plea.**

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WITHERSPOON AS THE LANDGRAVE

## Zuruck, von ihm! (Away from Him!)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano** (*In German*) **88443 12-inch, $3.00**

ELIZABETH:

Away from him! 'Tis not for you to judge him!
Shame on you! He is one against you all!
I pray for him—spare him, oh, I implore ye!
Let not the hope of pardon be denied!
To life renew'd his sinking faith restore ye.
Think that for him, too, once the Saviour died!
Oh, let a spotless maid your grace implore!
Let Heav'n declare through me what is its will—
The erring mortal, who hath fallen
Within the weary toils of sin.
How dare ye close the heav'nly portal!
On me, a maiden young and tender,
Yon knight hath struck a cruel blow—
I, who so deeply, truly loved him,
Am hurl'd in dark abyss of woe!

**The *Landgrave* pronounces judgment and declares *Tannhäuser* banished, suggesting that he join the band of Pilgrims about to start for Rome. In the distance is heard the Pilgrims' chant, and the strains seem to bring the erring knight to his senses. He cries: "To Rome!" and dashes from the hall.**

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## Song to the Evening Star

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| By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone | (In German) | 88154 | 12-inch | $4.00 |
| By Maurice Renaud, Baritone | (In French) | 91067 | 10-inch | 2.00 |
| By Marcel Journet, Bass | (In German) | 74006 | 12-inch | 1.50 |
| By Reinald Werrenrath, Baritone | (In German) | *35160 | 12-inch | 1.25 |
| By Reinald Werrenrath, Baritone | (In German) | 31462 | 12-inch | 1.00 |
| By Alan Turner, Baritone | (In English) | *17446 | 10-inch | .75 |
| By Victor Sorlin, 'Cellist | | *16813 | 10-inch | .75 |

WOLFRAM:
Like Death's dark shadow, Night her gloom extendeth,
Her sable wing o'er all the vale she bendeth;
The soul that longs to tread yon path of light,
Yet dreads to pass the gate of Fear and Night,
I look on thee, oh, star in Heaven the fairest,
Thy gentle beam thro' trackless space thou bearest;
The hour of darkness is by thee made bright,
Thou lead'st us upward by pure light.
O ev'ning star; thy holy light
Was ne'er so welcome to my sight,
With glowing heart, that ne'er disclos'd;
Greet her when she in thy light reposed;
When parting from this vale a vision,
She rises to an angel's mission.
(*He continues to play, his eyes raised to Heaven.*)

*Tannhäuser* now appears, wearing a ragged Pilgrim's dress, his face pale and drawn, and supporting himself with difficulty by means of a staff. *Wolfram* greets him with emotion and learns that he is still unforgiven and has resolved to re-enter the Venusberg.

The unhappy *Tannhäuser* tells of the *Pope's* refusal of a pardon:

TANNHÄUSER:
Rome I gained at last; * * *
Then he who thus I prayed replied:
"If thou hast shared the joys of Hell,
Thou art forever more accursed!"

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THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH

TANNHÄUSER:
Rome I gained at last; with tears imploring,
I knelt before the rood in faith adoring.
When daylight broke, the silv'ry bells were pealing;
Through vaulted roof a song divine was stealing;
A cry of joy breaks forth from thousand voices—
The hope of pardon ev'ry heart rejoices.
I told what mad desires my soul had darkened,
By sinful earthly pleasure long enslav'd—
To me it seem'd that he in mercy harken'd—
A gracious word in dust and tears I crav'd.
Then he who thus I prayed replied:
"If thou hast shared the joys of Hell
If thou unholy flames hast nurs'd
That in the hill of Venus dwell,
Thou art forever more accurs'd:
And as this barren staff I hold
Ne'er will put forth a flower or leaf,
Thus shalt thou never more behold
Salvation or thy sin's relief!"

* *Double-Faced Record—See page*

r, urges him to remain, but *Tannhäuser* refuses until *Wolfram* mentions
The unhappy man, in sudden repentance, sinks to his knees, while
a company of minstrels bearing the body of *Elizabeth,* who has suddenly
procession approaches, a company of Pilgrims enter and announce
pe had put forth green leaves as a sign that *Tannhäuser* was pardoned.
ported by *Wolfram,* gazes on the saintly face of the dead *Elizabeth,*
e Pilgrims and minstrels with great emotion exclaim:

The Lord Himself now thy bondage hath
riven—
Go, enter in with the blest in His Heaven!

(*Curtain*)

## D AND MISCELLANEOUS TANNHÄUSER RECORDS

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| | By Elizabeth Wheeler, Soprano<br>*Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler* | 35096 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| ben und Chor der Pilger<br>(*In German*) Runge and Nebe Qt<br>ben und Chor der Pilger (Part II)<br>(*In German*) Runge and Nebe Qt | | 68352 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Abendstern By Reinald Werrenrath<br>*wie ist's moglich dann* *Emil Muench, Tenor* | | 35160 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| | By La Scala Orchestra<br>By La Scala Orchestra | 68205 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| Opera By Arthur Pryor's Band<br>*election, No. 2* *By Arthur Pryor's Band* | | 35331 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| | By Sousa's Band<br>*ational Air of France* *By Sousa's Band* | 16514 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| *r* | By Victor Sorlin, 'Cellist<br>*By Elizabeth Wheeler, Soprano* | 16813 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| *(In English)* | By Alan Turner | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

# THAÏS

(*Tah-ees'*)

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Libretto by Louis Gallet, based on the novel of Anatole France; music by Jules Massenet. First production at the Opéra Comique, Paris, 1894, and the opera has since been given in nearly every music capital of Europe. First American production November 25, 1908, at the Manhattan Opera House, New York.

### Characters

THAÏS, actress and courtesan.....Soprano
ATHANAEL, a Cenobite monk.....Baritone
NICIAS, a wealthy Alexandrian.....Tenor
PALEMON, an aged Cenobite monk.....Bass
ALBINE, an abbess.....Mezzo-Soprano
CROBYLE, MYRTALE, } slave girls.....Sopranos

Monks, Nuns, Citizens, Servants, Dancers, etc.

*Time and Place: Alexandria and the Egyptian desert; early Christian era.*

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DALMORES AS NICIAS

*Thaïs* the Egyptian, a woman of wonderful beauty and a courtesan, who was converted by *Pafnucio* and led by him into the righteous path, is the subject of this lyric opera. The librettist has given the name of *Athanael* to *Pafnucio*, who is a young and handsome monk living with an assemblage of holy men, called Cenobites, in the desert of Thebes.

MATZENE DU'FRANNE AS ATHANAEL

### ACT I

SCENE I—*The Camp of the Cenobites near the Nile*

At the opening of the opera *Athanael* has just returned from Alexandria, haunted by the story of the famous courtesan, *Thaïs*, whom he feels it his duty to save. Against the advice of the head Cenobite, *Palemon*, he calls his brother monks together and announces his intention of returning to Alexandria to convert the courtesan to the higher life.

SCENE II—*The House of Nicias at Alexandria*

*Athanael* arrives and is warmly greeted by *Nicias*, who knew the monk years before. The traveler tells his old friend he has come to the capital to teach *Thaïs* the better life, but *Nicias* only laughs at him and scoffs at the idea. However, he has his slaves dress the monk in rich robes, and when *Thaïs* arrives she is soon curious about the handsome stranger, whose severe demeanor arouses her interest. The monk tells her he has come to Alexandria to teach her salvation and the life everlasting, but she says she believes only in joy and love and pleasure. In horror at the revelry which is planned for the evening, *Athanael* leaves, declaring he will see *Thaïs* at her home and show her the true light.

### ACT II

SCENE I—*Thaïs' Apartments*

The second act takes place in the luxurious home of *Thaïs*. *Athanael* enters, steeling himself against the seductive charms of *Thaïs*, and eloquently pleads with her for the new

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FROM A PAINTING CONVERSION OF THAIS

ıer departure, and the firing of her house, threaten to hang *Athanael.*
eriousness of the situation, diverts his followers by scattering gold coins
the scramble which follows *Thaïs* and *Athanael* make their escape.

## ACT III

SCENE I—*A Desert Oasis*

MAIRET THE DEATH OF THAIS—ACT IV

an intimate acquaintance with the text. The lovely *Meditation*, however, always made an instant impression on every hearer and received enthusiastic approval, being played as an intermezzo between the scenes of the opera. But *Thaïs* audiences heard no such renderings of this intermezzo as have been given here by Powell, Elman and Kreisler. Two other fine records by Pilzer and Rattay, in the popular double-faced class, are also offered. Mr. Ruffo gives notable renditions of two of the best airs. The great air from Act I, in which *Athanael* tells the Cenobites of his vision of life in the wicked city, is sung by Mr. Whitehill with a noble quality of voice and much dramatic force. A very fine record of the *D'acqua aspergimi*, the duet between *Thaïs* and *Athanael* in Act III, by Janni and Battistini, is also presented.

## THAÏS RECORDS

**Voilà donc la terrible cité (That Awful City I Behold)**
By Clarence Whitehill, Baritone (*In French*) 74364 12-inch, $1.50

**Aime fanciullo ancora (Whilst Yet a Simple Youth)**
By Titta Ruffo, Baritone (*In Italian*) 87137 10-inch, $2.00

**Ecco la terrible città (That AwfulCity I Behold)**
By Titta Ruffo, Baritone (*In Italian*) 87143 10-inch, $2.00

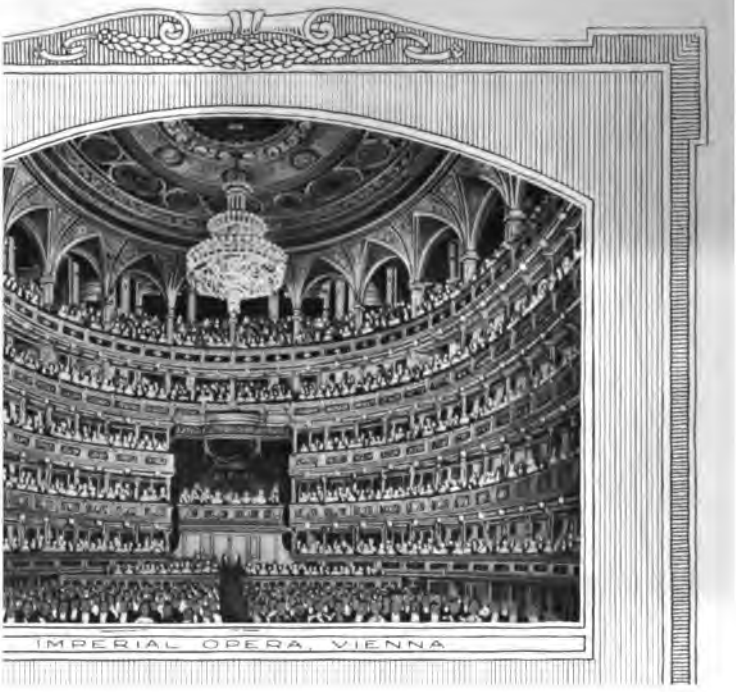
**D'acqua aspergimi (With Holy Water Anoint Me)**
By Mme. Janni, Soprano, and Mattia Battistini, Baritone
(*In Italian*) 88353 12-inch, $3.00

**Meditation (Intermezzo Religieuse)**
By Maud Powell, Violinist
74135 12-inch, $1.50
By Fritz Kreisler, Violinist
74182 12-inch, 1.50
By Mischa Elman, Violinist
74341 12-inch, 1.50

Meditation (*Intermezzo Religieuse*) By Howard Rattay, Violinist / *Lohengrin Selection (Wagner) By Pryor's Band* — 35147 12-inch, $1.25

Meditation (*Intermezzo Religieuse*) By Maximilian Pilzer, Violinist / *Humoresque (Dvorak) By Maximilian Pilzer, Violinist* — 35306 12-inch, 1.25

MAIRET DELMAS AS ATHANAEL



IMPERIAL OPERA, VIENNA

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THE TE DEUM—ACT I

(Italian)

# TOSCA

*(Toss'-kah)*

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Text by Illica and Giacosa after Sardou's drama. Music by Giacomo Puccini. First produced at the Constanzi Theatre, Rome, January 14, 1900. First London production at Covent Garden, July 12, 1900. Given in Constantinople, September 8, 1900; Madrid, December 15, 1900. During 1901, brought out in Odessa, January 1st; Lisbon, January 29th; Santiago, July 29th; Cairo, November 26th. First in Germany at Dresden, October 21, 1902; in France, at Paris, October 13, 1903 (in French), and October 31, 1904, in Italian. Given at Budapest, May 10, 1906; Berlin, January, 1907; Vienna, October 26, 1909. First American production at Buenos Aires, June 16, 1900; in the United States, February 4, 1901, at the Metropolitan, the cast including Ternina, Cremonini, Scotti and Gilibert. Also produced in English by Henry W. Savage. The opera has become a fixture in the American opera repertoire.

### Characters

FLORIA TOSCA, *(Floh'-ree-ah Toss'-kah)* a celebrated singer ..... Soprano
MARIO CAVARADOSSI, *(Mah'-ree-oh Cav-a-rah-doss'-ee)* a painter ..... Tenor
BARON SCARPIA, *(Scar'-pee-ah)* chief of the police ..... Baritone
CESARE ANGELOTTI, *(See-zahr'-ay Ahn-jel-lot'-tee)* ..... Bass
A SACRISTAN ..... Baritone
SPOLETTA, *(Spo-let'-tah)* a police agent ..... Tenor
SCIARRONE, a gendarme ..... Bass
A JAILOR ..... Bass

Judge, Cardinal, Officer, Sergeant, Soldiers, Police Agents, Ladies, Nobles, Citizens.

*Scene and Period: Rome, June, 1800.*

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FARRAR AS TOSCA

## ACT I

SCENE—*Interior of the Church of St. Andrea*

*Mario Cavaradossi,* the painter, enters the church, where he has been at work on a Madonna. As he uncovers the portrait, the Sacristan, who is assisting *Mario,* is surprised to discover in the face of the painting the unknown beauty whom he had noticed of late in the church. *Mario* smilingly confesses that while she had prayed he had stolen her likeness for his Madonna. Then taking out a miniature of his betrothed, *Tosca,* he sings a lovely air in which he compares her dark beauty with the fair tresses and blue eyes of the unknown worshipper, calling it "a strange but harmonious contrast."

LE THÉÂTRE TOSCA AND MARIO IN THE CHURCH—ACT I

### Recondita armonia (Strange Harmony)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor** (*In Italian*)
**87043 10-inch, $2.00**

**By Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor** (*In Italian*)
**64420 10-inch, 1.00**

His musings are interrupted by the hurried entrance of a man in prison garb, panting with fear and fatigue, whom *Mario* recognizes as an old friend, *Angelotti,* a political prisoner. *Mario,* in response to his friend's appeal for assistance, hastily closes the outer door, and conceals *Angelotti* in the chapel, just as *Tosca's* voice is heard impatiently demanding admittance.

He admits her, but is anxious and ill at ease, fearing to intrust even *Tosca* with so dangerous a secret, but she notices his preoccupation and is somewhat piqued because he is not as attentive as usual. She is at first jealous and asks him if he is thinking of another woman; but soon repents, and in the charming love scene which follows endeavors to smooth his brow by planning an excursion for the morrow.

She sings of the delights of the proposed visit to the villa, and the romantic forest where they will wander and forget the cares and troubles of their professional life.

He listens but seems absent-minded, and she continues her recital of the joys of their secluded little retreat among the hills. *Mario* says she is an enchantress, and in this duet they exchange anew their vows of love.

### Non la sospiri la nostra casetta (Our Cottage Secluded)

**By Ruszcowska, Soprano; Cunego, Tenor** (*In Italian*) **88272 12-inch, $3.00**

*Tosca* now perceives the Madonna and recognizes the face as that of the *Attavanti,* sister of *Angelotti.* Her jealousy revives, and she declares that *Mario* has fallen in love

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EAMES AS TOSCA

)K OF THE OPERA—PUCCINI'S TOSCA

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MARTIN AS MARIO—ACT I

## (Divine Tosca!)

**l-Resky, Baritone**

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THE TORTURE—ACT II

the fugitive; but he refuses to speak, and is ordered into the torture chamber adjoining. *Tosca* comes in answer to *Scarpia's* summons and is told that *Mario* is being tortured into a confession. Unable to bear the sound of his groans, she reveals the hiding place of *Angelotti*. *Scarpia*, in triumph, orders the torture to cease, but sends *Mario* to prison, telling him he must die. *Tosca* tries to go with him but is forced to remain.

Then begins the great scene of the opera, which *Scarpia* begins by offering to save *Mario's* life. She scornfully asks him his price, and he proposes that *Tosca* shall accept his attentions in order to save her lover's life. He then sings his famous *Cantabile*.

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SCOTTI AS SCARPIA

## Cantabile Scarpia (Scarpia's Air) (Venal, My Enemies Call Me)

By Antonio Scotti, Baritone 88122 12-inch, $3.00

## Gia mi struggea (You Have Scorned Me)

(Last Part of Cantabile)

By Ernesto Badini (*In Italian*) 45016 10-in., $1.00

He tells her that he has long loved her and had sworn to possess her. She scorns him, but when he tells her that *Mario* shall die in an hour and exults in his power, her spirit is broken, and weeping for shame, she sings that loveliest and most pathetic of airs, *Vissi d'arte*.

## Vissi d'arte e d'amor (Love and Music)

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| By Nellie Melba, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88075 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Geraldine Farrar, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88192 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Emma Eames, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88010 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Emmy Destinn, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88487 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Lucille Marcell, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 76018 | 12-inch, | 2.00 |
| By Frances Alda, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 74400 | 12-inch, | 1.50 |
| By Maria Bronzoni, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 45017 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |

THE MURDER OF SCARPIA—ACT II

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DESTINN AS TOSCA

the kiss he desired. In a prolonged and highly dramatic scene she takes the paper from *Scarpia's* dead fingers, then washes her hands in a bowl on the table, places the two candles at the dead man's head and the cross on his bosom, then goes out, turning for a last look at the lifeless body as the curtain falls.

## ACT III

(*A terrace of San Angelo Castle, outside the prison cell of Cavaradossi. View of Rome by night*)

The music of the opening act is most effective, with its accompaniment of pealing church bells. This entire prelude is given by an Italian orchestra under the direction of Sabaino, doubled with the Te Deum of Act I, by Giuseppi Maggi, Bass, and the Chorus of La Scala, Milan.

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MARTINELLI AS MARIO

MARIO AND TOSCA—ACT III

## Prelude

By La Scala Orchestra
*55008 12-inch, $1.50

*Mario* is brought out from his cell, is shown the official death warrant, and told he has but one hour to live. He asks permission to write a note to *Tosca*, and is given paper and pen. He begins to write, but engrossed with memories of the past, he pauses and sings passionately of his loved one, who he expects never to see again.

## E lucevan le stelle (The Stars Were Shining)

By Enrico Caruso, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 87044 10-inch, $2.00

By Riccardo Martin, Tenor
(*In Italian*) 87050 10-inch, 2.00

By Franco de Gregorio, Tenor
(*In Italian*) *45017 10-inch, 1.00

By Giovanni Martinelli
Tenor (*In Italian*)
64393 10-inch, 1.00

By Paul Althouse, Tenor
(*In Italian*) *45055 10-inch, 1.00

**Double-Faced Record—See page 501.*

THE DEATH OF MARIO—ACT III

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS TOSCA RECORDS

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| Te Deum—Finale to Act I<br>Preludio—*Atto III* | Maggi and Chorus<br>By Italian Orchestra | (*In Italian*)<br>(*In Italian*) | 55008 | 12-inch, $1.50 |
| Già mi struggea<br>*Manon Lescaut—Donna non vidi mai* | By Ernesto Badini, Baritone<br>*Egidio Cunego* | (*In Italian*)<br>(*In Italian*) | 45016 | 10-inch, 1.00 |
| Vissi d'arte e d'amor<br>E lucevan le stelle | Maria Bronzoni, Soprano<br>By De Gregorio, Tenor | (*In Italian*)<br>(*In Italian*) | 45017 | 10-inch, 1.00 |
| E lucevan le stelle<br>*Pagliacci—Vesti la giubba* | By Paul Althouse, Tenor<br>*By Paul Althouse, Tenor* | (*In Italian*)<br>(*In Italian*) | 45055 | 10-inch, 1.00 |
| Tosca—*Tosca Divina*<br>*Preghiera—Alla mente confusa* (*Tosti*) | By Berl-Resky, Baritone<br>*Berl-Resky* | (*In Italian*)<br>(*In Italian*) | 16745 | 10-inch, .75 |

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TOSCA'S SUICIDE—ACT III

YARRAR AS GIGLETTA—ACT III

Verdi's La Traviata is based upon a well-known play by Alexandre Dumas, *La Dame aux camelias*, familiar in its dramatic form as *Camille*. It is one of the most beautiful works of its class, and is full of lovely melodies; while the story of the unfortunate *Violetta* has caused many tears to be shed by sympathetic listeners.

VERDI AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST TRAVIATA PRODUCTION

The opera met with but indifferent success at its first production. Several ludicrous incidents aroused the laughter of the audience, the climax being reached when the *Violetta* (Mme. Donatelli), who happened to be very stout, declaimed in feeble accents that she was dying of consumption! This was too much for the Venetian sense of humor, and the house exploded with mirth, utterly spoiling the final scene.

FRANCESCO PIAVE (1810-1876) LIBRETTIST OF TRAVIATA

The opera was then revised, eighteenth century costumes and settings being substituted for the modern ones first used; and the new version was produced in various cities with success, the London season being particularly brilliant.

The plot, being quite familiar, will be but briefly sketched here. *Violetta*, a courtesan of Paris, is holding a brilliant revel in her home. Among the guests is a young man from Provence, *Alfred*, who is in love with *Violetta*, and after much persuasion, the spoiled beauty agrees to leave her gay life and retire with him to an humble apartment near Paris. After a few brief months of happiness, the lovers are discovered by *Alfred's* father, who pleads with *Violetta* to release his son from his promises. She yields for his sake, and resumes her former life in Paris. *Alfred*, not knowing the real cause of her desertion, seeks her out and publicly insults her. Too late he discovers the sacrifice *Violetta* has made, and when he returns, full of remorse, he finds her dying of consumption, and she expires in his arms.

## Prelude to Act I

**By La Scala Orchestra** — ***68027 12-inch, $1.25**
**By Vessella's Italian Band** — ***17729 10-inch, .75**

The prelude, one of the loveliest bits in the opera, is played in fine style by the famous orchestra of La Scala, and by Vessella's Italian Band.

### ACT I

SCENE—*Drawing-room in the House of Violetta*

A gay revel is in progress at the house of *Violetta*, and the act opens with a lively chorus, followed by a rousing drinking song, given by *Alfred*, in which *Violetta* joins.

## Libiam nei lieti calici (A Bumper We'll Drain)

**By Alma Gluck, Soprano; Enrico Caruso, Tenor; and Metropolitan Opera Chorus** (*In Italian*) **87511 10-inch, $3.00**
**By Amelia Rizzini, Soprano; Emilio Perea, Tenor; and La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*) ***62415 10-inch, .75**

ALFRED:
A bumper we'll drain from the wine-cup flowing,
That fresh charms to beauty is lending,
O'er fleeting moments, so quickly ending,
Gay pleasure alone should reign.

VIOLETTA:
Enjoy the hour, for rapidly
The joys of life are flying—
Like summer flow'rets dying—
Improve them while we may!
The present with fervor invites us.
Its flattering call obey.

CHORUS:
Enjoy then the wine-cup with songs of pleasure
That make night so cheerful and smiling,
In this charming paradise, beguiling,
That scarcely we heed the day.

*Double-Faced Record—See page 510.

The dance commences, and all go into the ballroom except *Violetta* and *Alfred*, who remain for a charming love scene. In a beautiful duet the lovers speak of their first meeting.

## Un di felice (Rapturous Moment)

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| By Marie A. Michailowa, Soprano, and A. M. Davidow, Tenor | (*In Russian*) | 61138 | 10-inch, | $1.00 |
| By Emma Trentini, Soprano, and Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | *62067 | 10-inch, | .75 |

*Alfred* now bids her a tender farewell and takes his departure, and *Violetta* sings her great air, one of the most brilliant of all colorature numbers.

## { Ah, fors' è lui (The One of Whom I Dreamed)
## { Sempre libera (The Round of Pleasure)

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| By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88293 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Marcella Sembrich, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88018 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Nellie Melba, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88064 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Frieda Hempel, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88471 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Lucy Marsh, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 70094 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano (Part I) | (*In Italian*) | *62084 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| By Giuseppina Huguet, Soprano, and Pietro Lara, Tenor (Part II) | (*In Italian*) | *62084 | 10-inch, | .75 |

The aria occurs at the close of the act. *Violetta*, wonderstruck at finding herself the object of a pure love, begins the soliloquy, *E strano*, saying:

How wondrous!
His words deep within my heart are graven!
No love of mortal yet hath moved me.
Shall I dare disdain it,
And choose the empty follies that now surround me?

She then sings the plaintive air, *Ah, fors' è lui*, and gives herself up to the spell of awakening love:

VIOLETTA:
Ah, was it he my heart foretold, when in the throng of pleasure,
Oft have I joy'd to shadow forth one whom alone I'd treasure.
He who with watchful tenderness guarded my waning powers,
Strewing my way with flowers,
Waking my heart to love!
Ah, now I feel that 'tis love and love alone,
Sole breath of all in the life, the life universal,
Mysterious power, guiding the fate of mortals,
Sorrow and sweetness of this poor earth.

The animated last movement follows, as the unhappy woman shakes off the illusion and once more vows to devote her life to pleasure.

What folly! what folly!
For me there's no returning!
In ev'ry fierce and wild delight,
I'll steep my sense and die!
I'll fulfill the round of pleasure,
Joying, toying from flower to flower,
I will drain a brimming measure from the cup of rosy joy.
Never weary, each dawning morrow
Flies to bear me some new rapture
Ever fresh delights I'll borrow,
I will banish all annoy!

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MELBA AS VIOLETTA

Victor customers have no fewer than seven renditions of this great air at their command and are likely to be embarrassed in their attempts to choose between them.

Melba's singing of this air is marked not only by great brilliancy, but by dramatic fervor, and she makes a marked contrast between the sadness of the prelude and the forced

* *Double-faced Record—See page 510.*

## K OF THE OPERA—VERDI'S TRAVIATA

Both portions of the aria (formerly issued in two parts) now are

: this dazzling number is given with such purity and mellowness of
ncy of vocalization that we can but wonder at the perfection of art
:ord possible.
ıose this opera for her first appearance both in London and New
was an admirable one, as Verdi's work exhibits all the soprano's
her wonderful coloratura but the warmth and color which she
ree. Many operatic sopranos regard the part of *Violetta* merely as a
l display. Tetrazzini, on the other hand, while not neglecting the
tura, brings to the part a human tenderness and a pathos which
:r rendering of this familiar *Ah, fors' è lui* is a most musical one,
ts of execution; and the ease with which she trills an E *in alt* can
ıazing.
her turn fully realizes the composer's ideal in the presentation of
al air, and seldom has a more satisfying rendition been heard.
gs are provided by Miss Marsh and Mme. Huguet.

### ACT II

*ı of a Country House near Paris*

iloquizes upon his new-found happiness.

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ne her riches and admirers,
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ts all for me.

*Dei miei bollenti*, a lovely air, in which he

## Non sapete (Ah, You Know Not)

**By Giulia Battaglioli, Soprano, and Ernesto Badini, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) *45028 10-inch, $1.00

In this air *Germont* pleads for his own daughter, whose engagement to a youth of Provence will be broken if *Alfred* does not return home. *Violetta* at first refuses, saying that her love for *Alfred* is above all other considerations, but when *Germont* says:

Be to my home and lov'd ones
Our angel, good, consoling.
Violetta, oh, consider well
While yet there may be time.
'Tis Heav'n itself that bids me speak,
These words in faith sublime!

she finally yields, agreeing to leave *Alfred* forever, and they sing a melodious duet:

## Dite alla giovine (Say to Thy Daughter)

**By Maria Galvany and Titta Ruffo** (*In Italian*) 92503 12-inch, $4.00
**By Frieda Hempel, Soprano, and Pasquale Amato, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) 89079 12-inch, 4.00

VIOLETTA:
Say to this child of thine, young, pure and lovely,
Thou hast a victim found, whose life of sadness
Had but one single ray of rapture and gladness,
Which she will yield to her, then gladly die.

GERMONT:
Weep on, thou hapless one,
Weep on; I witness thy trial
In what I ask of thy self-denial.
Bear up, thou noble heart, triumph is nigh.

## Imponte (Now Command Me)

**By Frieda Hempel, Soprano, and Pasquale Amato, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) 89081 12-inch, $4.00

This is a continuation of the scene between *Violetta* and *Germont*. *Violetta* has decided to sacrifice herself for the sake of *Alfred's* future, and says to *Germont* courageously:

VIOLETTA:
Now, command me—but how shall I proceed?

GERMONT:
Say you do not love him.

VIOLETTA:
He'll not believe me.

GERMONT:
Well, leave him.

VIOLETTA:
He will follow.

GERMONT (*puzzled*):
Well, then—

VIOLETTA (*suddenly thinking of a plan*):
Embrace me, embrace me as thine own child—
'Twill give me strength. (*They embrace.*)
(*Firmly.*)
He soon shall be restored, though broken-hearted.
Do you wait in the garden and console him.
(*She points to the garden and sits down to write.*)

GERMONT:
What will you do, my child?

VIOLETTA:
Nay, ask me not;
I fear you would oppose me!

GERMONT:
Generous woman! How can I e'er repay thee?

VIOLETTA (*turning piteously to Germont*):
I shall die, but my memory
He'll have no cause to curse.
This bitter sacrifice
I make for the sake of my lover,
But ever whilst I live
None else shall have my heart!

GERMONT:
No, generous one, thou must not die,
But live to be rewarded;
For e'en by Heaven thy deeds will be
As noble ones regarded.
The sacrifice is great, indeed,
Of thy most loving heart;
Thou'st done a noble deed,
And acted well thy part.

VIOLETTA:
Ah! some one comes! Go now.

GERMONT:
How shall I ever repay you?

VIOLETTA:
Perhaps I no more may see thee.

GERMONT:
May'st thou be happy! Farewell!
(*Germont goes out.*)

Beautiful, indeed, is the singing of these two great artists in the duet, one of the most effective that Verdi has written.

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 510.*

*Germont* expresses his gratitude, embraces the weeping *Violetta* and departs, while the unhappy woman writes to *Alfred* of her decision and returns to Paris.

When the young man returns he is driven to despair by *Violetta's* note, and repulses his father, who pleads with him to return. *Germont* then sings his most beautiful number, the *Di Provenza*.

## Di Provenza il mar (Thy Home in Fair Provence)

**By G. Mario Sammarco, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88314 12-inch, $3.00**

**By Pasquale Amato, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) **88474 12-inch, 3.00**

**By Ernesto Badini, Baritone**
(*In Italian*) ***45001 10-inch, 1.00**

In this touching appeal he asks his son to return to his home in Provence and to his father's heart.

GERMONT:
From fair Provence's soil and sea,
Who hath won thy heart away?
From thy native sunny clime,
What strange fate caus'd thee to stray?
Oh, remember in thy woe

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Seem'd his home, with grief and woe.
But I find thee now again,
If my hope doth not mislead,
If yet honor doth remain
With its voice not mute or dead,
Heav'n sends me aid!

yield to his father's plea, and departs for Paris in search of *Violetta*

CONSTANTINO AS ALFRED—
ACT II, SCENE II

The emotions of the various characters are expressed by the librettist as follows:

GUESTS:
Oh, to what baseness thy passions have led
To wound thus fatally one who has loved thee!
GERMONT:
Of scorn most worthy himself doth render
Who wounds in anger a woman tender!
My son, where is he? No more I see him;
In thee, Alfred, I seek him; but in vain!
ALFRED (*aside*):
Ah! yes, 'twas shameful! a deed abhorrent!
A jealous fury—love's madd'ning torrent.
But now that fury is all expended,
Remorse and horror to me remain.
BARON:
This shameful insult against this lady
Offends all present; behold me ready
To punish the outrage!
VIOLETTA (*reviving*):
Ah, lov'd Alfredo, this heart's devotion
Thou canst not fathom yet—its fond emotion!
When, hereafter the truth comes o'er thee
May Heaven in pity then spare thee remorse!
(*Germont goes out supporting Alfred, who is almost in a state of collapse. The fainting Violetta is led away by her friends, and the guests begin to disperse as the curtain falls.*)

## ACT III

(*Violetta's apartment. She is asleep on the couch, while her maid dozes by the fire*)

As the curtain rises the doctor's knock is heard, and *Dr. Grenvil, Violetta's* physician, enters and attends his patient, afterwards telling the maid that she has not long to live. Left alone, *Violetta* reads again a letter she has received from *Germont.*

*"Thou hast kept thy promise. The duel took place and the Baron was wounded, but is improving. Alfredo is in foreign countries. Your sacrifice has been revealed to him by me, and he will return to you for pardon. Haste to recover; thou deserveth a bright future."*

Georgio Germont.

"Alas, it is too late," she exclaims, and sings her beautiful and pathetic "Farewell."

## Addio del passato (Farewell to the Bright Visions)

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| **By Lucrezia Bori, Soprano** | (*In Italian*) | **87178** | **10-inch,** | **$2.00** |
| **By Alice Nielsen, Soprano** | (*In Italian*) | **64068** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |
| **By Marie Michailowa, Soprano** | (*In Russian*) | **61178** | **10-inch,** | **1.00** |

VIOLETTA:
Farewell to the bright visions I once fondly cherish'd,
Already the roses that deck'd me have perish'd;
The love of Alfredo is lost, past regaining,
That cheer'd me when fainting, my spirit sustaining.
Pity the stray one, and send her consolation,
Oh, pardon her transgressions, and send her salvation.
The sorrows and enjoyments of life will soon be over,
The dark tomb in oblivion this mortal form will cover!

*Alfred* now enters, filled with remorse, and asks forgiveness, which is freely granted; and *Violetta,* forgetting her illness, plans with *Alfred* to leave Paris forever. They sing this melodious duet, "Gay Paris We'll Leave With Gladness."

## Parigi o cara (Far from Gay Paris)

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| **By Lucrezia Bori, Soprano, and John McCormack, Tenor** | (*In Italian*) | **88453** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Alice Nielsen and Florencio Constantino** | (*In Italian*) | **74075** | **12-inch,** | **1.50** |
| **By Amelia Rizzini, Soprano, and Emilio Perea, Tenor** | (*In Italian*) | ***62067** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |

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IN THE OPERA-
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ALFRED:
Gay Paris, we'll leave with gladness,
Our lives united, fly we from sadness,
Joy shall repay thee for each dark sorrow,
Thy cheek so faded shall bloom again.

VIOLETTA:
Gay Paris, dearest, we'll leave with gladness,
Our lives united, fly we from sadness,
Life, light and breath from thee will I borrow,
O'er coming years, love, bright smiles shall reign.

At the close of the duet *Violetta's* overtaxed strength gives way, and she collapses in her lover's arms. He notices for the first time her paleness, and is much alarmed, sending the maid to call the doctor. *Dr. Grenvil* soon enters, accompanied by *Germont*, and after an affecting scene, in which *Germont* blames himself for all that has occurred, *Violetta* expires, and the curtain falls on a sorrowful tableau.

## DOUBLE-FACED AND MISCELLANEOUS TRAVIATA RECORDS

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| **Prelude**<br>**By La Scala Orchestra**<br>*L'Africana—Marcia Indiana*<br>*By La Scala Orchestra* | 68027 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| **By Pryor's Band**<br>"ar From the Busy Throng," Act III Chorus of ong Act I | 35076 | 12-inch, 1.25 |

FROM A PANEL BY STASSEN

SCENES FROM TRISTAN

(German) (English)

# TRISTAN UND ISOLDE—TRISTAN AND ISOLDE

(*Tris'-tahn oondt Ees-zol'-deh*)

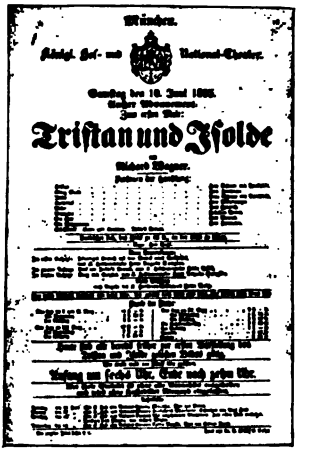
## OPERA IN THREE ACTS

Words and music by Richard Wagner, the plot being derived from an old Celtic poem of the same name, written by Gottfried of Strasburg, who flourished in the thirteenth century—though Wagner has changed the narrative sufficiently to make it his own. *Tristan* is one of the most popular of legendary heroes and has been treated of by numerous writers, among them Tennyson, Matthew Arnold and Swinburne.

Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* was first presented in Munich, June 10, 1865. First London production June 20, 1882. First American performance in New York, December 1, 1886, with Lehmann, Brandt and Fischer. Produced at the New Orleans Opera December 21, 1895. Some notable American productions occurred in 1895 with Sucher, Alvary, Brema and Fischer; in 1896 with the de Reszkes, Nordica and Brema; in 1901 with Ternina and Van Dyke; and in 1910 with Homer, Fremstad, Knote and Van Rooy, this being Gustav Mahler's American début.

### Characters

TRISTAN, a Cornish knight, nephew of King Mark . . Tenor
KING MARK of Cornwall . . . . . Bass
ISOLDE, Princess of Ireland . . . . . Soprano
KURVENAL, Tristan's devoted servant . . . . . Baritone
MELOT, (*May'-lot*) one of King Mark's courtiers . . . . Tenor
BRANGÄNE, (*Bran-gay'-neh*) Isolde's friend and attendant . . . . . Soprano
A Shepherd, a Steersman, a Sailor Lad; Chorus of Sailors, Knights, Esquires and Men-at-Arms.



ORIGINAL PROGRAM OF TRISTAN, MUNICH, 1865

Although completed in 1859, Tristan was not produced until six years later. Through the strenuous efforts of King Ludwig II of Bavaria, it was ultimately brought out in Munich with distinct artistic success—Schnorr, the tenor, scoring brilliantly in the rôle of *Tristan*. Previous to this time, however, it had been underlined for performance in Vienna, but was abandoned after fifty-seven rehearsals. Both the Prelude and the Love Death were performed in concerts before the production of the opera in Munich. The Prelude was played for the first time at Prague, March 12, 1859, and again at Leipsic, June 1, 1859. Wagner himself frequently conducted the Prelude and Love Death in the concerts given by him in 1863.

COPY'T DUPONT

GADSKI AS ISOLDE

The opera did not find its way to America until it was more than twenty years old, but since that time has grown steadily in popularity.

This great drama of love and hatred, with its wonderful music, is now quite generally admitted to be the finest of the master's operas. Written at the time of Wagner's own love affair (with Mathilde Wesendonck), it is supposed that he sought to emphasize the fact that love cannot always be bound by conventions.

*Tristan*, a Cornish knight, has a quarrel with *Morold*, an Irish chieftain who had been sent to collect tribute, and kills him; and after the custom of the time, sends back his head, which is given to his affianced, an Irish princess, *Isolde*. *Tristan* himself had received a dangerous wound which fails to heal, and he resolves to assume the name of *Tantris* and seek the assistance of *Isolde*, who is famed for her knowledge of the art of healing. *Isolde*, however, recognizes him by a notch in his sword, which fits exactly a piece of metal she had extracted from the head of *Morold*. She plans to kill him, but falls in love instead, while he merely sees in her a good wife for his uncle, *King Mark*.

## Preludio (Prelude)

**By La Scala Orchestra 68210 12-inch, $1.25**

The first act shows the deck of the ship which is conveying *Isolde* and *Tristan* to Cornwall, she having accepted *King Mark's* proposal, made through his

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DALMORES AS TRISTAN

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VAN DYCK AS TRISTAN

nephew. During the voyage, however, the refusal of *Tristan* to see her, the exultation of the sailors over the killing of *Morold* (which freed Cornwall from its subjection to *Isolde's* royal father), and detestation of the loveless marriage she is about to contract, infuriate the Princess, and she resolves to die and drag *Tristan* down to death with her. She tells *Tristan* she is aware of his crime in killing her lover, and demands vengeance. He admits her right to kill him and offers his sword, but she bids her maid, *Brangäne,* prepare two cups of poison from her casket. *Brangäne,* unwilling to see her mistress die, secretly substitutes for the poison a love potion, the effect of which is immediate, and the lovers sink into each other's arms just as the ship approaches the shore and the King arrives to claim his bride.

Act II takes place in the garden outside *Isolde's* chamber. The King has gone on a hunting expedition, but *Brangäne* fears that it is merely a ruse, and thinks the King's courtier, *Melot,* suspects the true state of affairs. *Brangäne* then confesses that she intentionally substituted the philtre for the poisoned cup intended for *Tristan.*

BRAGÄNE:
Fatal folly!
The fell pow'r of that potion!
That I framed
A fraud for once
Thy orders to oppose!
Had I been deaf and blind,
Thy work were then thy death!
But thy distress,
Thy distraction of grief,
My work has contrived them,
I own it!

This confession meets with but faint reproaches from *Isolde,* who gives herself up wholly to the intoxication of the potion, and sings with growing exaltation:

## Dein Werk (Thy Act?)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano** (*In German*) **88165 12-inch, $3.00**

ISOLDE:
Thy act?
O foolish girl!
Love's goddess dost thou not know?
The witch whose will the world obeys;
Life and death she holds in her hands,
She waketh hate into love!
The work of death
I took into my own hands;
Love's goddess saw
And gave her good commands.
Planning our fate in her own way.
How she may bend it, how she may end it,
Still hers am I solely:
What she may make me, whereso'er take me
So let me obey her wholly!

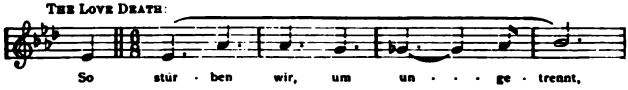
ISOLDE GIVING THE SIGNAL, ACT II. (COLOGNE FESTIVAL PRODUCTION)

Refusing to heed *Brangäne's* warning, *Isolde* gives the signal for *Tristan's* coming by extinguishing the torch. He appears, and a long love scene ensues, interrupted by the return of the King, who surprises the lovers in a fond embrace. *Mark* bitterly reproaches his nephew, and *Melot*, shouting "treason," stabs *Tristan*, inflicting a fatal wound.

The third act shows *Tristan* dying of the wound at his castle in *Bretagne*, whither he has been carried by his faithful servant, *Kurvenal*, who has sent for *Isolde*, knowing that she alone can cure his master's wound by means of her healing arts.

Despairing of her coming, *Tristan* in his delirium tears off his bandages and is at the point of death when *Isolde* arrives, and dies in her arms. *King Mark* and his courtiers, closely pursuing *Isolde*, now arrive and are attacked by *Kurvenal*, who kills *Melot* and is himself slain by *Mark's* soldiers. *Mark*, seeing *Tristan* dead and *Isolde* senseless on his body, repents his rage and gives way to grief. *Isolde* revives, and when she realizes that *Tristan* is dead, her grief bursts forth in the heartrending *Love-Death motive:*

THE LOVE DEATH:




Then she sings this wondrous death song, so full of touching sadness and inexpressible sweetness, and expires upon his body.

## Isolde's Liebestod (Isolde's Love-Death)

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|---|---|---|---|
| By Johanna Gadski, | (*In German*) | 88058 | 12-inch, $3.00 |
| By Victor Herbert's Orchestra | (*Double-faced—See below*) | 55041 | 12-inch, 1.50 |
| By La Scala Orchestra | (*Double-faced—See below*) | 68210 | 12-inch, 1.25 |

PANEL BY STASSEN

ISOLDE'S LIEBESTOD

ISOLDE (*unconscious of all around her, turning her eyes with rising inspiration on Tristan's body*):
Mild and softly he is smiling;
How his eyelids sweetly open!
See, oh comrades, see you not
How he beameth ever brighter—
How he rises ever radiant
Steeped in starlight, borne above?
See you not how his heart
With lion zest, calmly happy
Beats in his breast?
From his lips in Heavenly rest,
Sweetest breath he softly sends.
Harken, friends!
Hear and feel ye not?
Is it I alone am hearing
Strains so tender and endearing?
Passion swelling, all things telling,
Gently bounding, from him sounding,
In me pushes, upward rushes
Trumpet tone that round me gushes.
Brighter growing, o'er me flowing,
Are these breezes airy pillows?
Are they balmy beauteous billows?
How they rise and gleam and glisten!
Shall I breathe them? Shall I listen?
Shall I sip them, dive within them?
To my panting breathing win them?
In the breezes around, in the harmony sound,
In the world's driving whirlwind be drown'd—
And, sinking, be drinking—
In a kiss, highest bliss!
(*Isolde sinks, as if transfigured, in Brängane's arms upon Tristan's body. Profound emotion and grief of the bystanders. Mark invokes a blessing on the dead. Curtain.*)

## DOUBLE-FACED TRISTAN AND ISOLDE RECORDS

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|---|---|---|---|
| Isolde's Liebestod (Isolde's Love Death) By Herbert's Orch<br>*Träume* (*Dreams*) (*Wagner*) *By Victor Herbert's Orchestra* | 55041 | 12-inch, | $1.50 |
| Prelude By La Scala Orchestra<br>Isolde's Love-Death By La Scala Orchestra | 68210 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |

LANDE

IL TROVATORE—FIRST SCENE

(Italian)
# IL TROVATORE
(*Eel Troh-vah-toh'-reh*)

(English)
# THE TROUBADOUR

## OPERA IN FOUR ACTS

Words by Salvatore Cammanaro, the story being suggested by a Spanish drama of the same name. Music by Giuseppe Verdi. Produced at the Teatro Apollo, Rome, January 19, 1853; at the *Théâtre des Italiens*, Paris, December 23, 1854; at the *Opéra*, Paris, as Le Trouvère, January 12, 1857; at Covent Garden, London, May 17, 1855; in English as *The Gypsy's Vengeance*, Drury Lane, March 24, 1856. First New York production, in Italian, April 30, 1855, with Brignoli, Steffanone, Amodio and Vestvali. First Philadelphia production at the Walnut Street Theatre, January 14, 1856, and at the Academy of Music, February 25, 1857. Produced at the New Orleans Opera April 13, 1857. A German version was given at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1889. Some notable revivals occurred in 1908 with Caruso, Eames and Homer; and again, in 1914, with Destinn, Ober, Martinelli, Amato and Rothier.

### Characters

LEONORA, (*Lee-oh-noh'-rah*) a noble lady of the Court of an Aragon Princess . . Soprano
AZUCENA, (*Ahz-you-say'-nah*) a wandering Biscayan gypsy . . . . . Mezzo-Soprano
INEZ, (*Ee'-nez*) attendant of Leonora . . . . . Soprano
MANRICO, (*Man-ree'-koh*) a young chieftain under the Prince of Biscay, of mysterious birth, and in reality a brother of Count di Luna . . . . . Tenor
COUNT DI LUNA, (*dee Loo'-nah*) a powerful young noble of the Prince of Arragon . . . . . Baritone
FERRANDO, a captain of the guard and under di Luna . . . . . Bass
RUIZ, a soldier in Manrico's service . . . . . Tenor
AN OLD GYPSY . . . . . Baritone

Also a Messenger, a Jailer, Soldiers, Nuns, Gypsies, Attendants, etc.

*Scene and Period: Biscay and Aragon; middle of the fifteenth century.*

## ACT I

SCENE I—*Vestibule in Aliaferia Palace*

vork, *Il Trovatore* opens in an atmosphere of romance and mystery. *di Luna* await the arrival of their master, and to beguile the time *Fer-* of the Count's childhood and the loss of his brother.

### a (Swarthy and Threatening)

**una and La Scala Chorus** *(In Italian)* ***62416 10-inch, $0.75**

infant, came under the evil eye of a witch, who was seized and con- This witch had a daughter, who determined to avenge her mother's t the Count's younger son disappeared; and after the witch's burning pon the pile of charred embers the bones of a child. This story is fierce rhythmical tune, expressing all shades of horror.

FERRANDO:
With two sons, heirs of fortune and affection,
Liv'd the Count in enjoyment;
Watching the younger for his safe protection
A good nurse found employment.
One morning, as the dawn's first rays were shining,
From her pillow she rose,—
Who was found, think ye, near the child reclining?
(*Impressively.*)
Sat there a gypsy-hag, witch-like appearing;
Of her dark mysteries, strange symbols wearing.
O'er the babe sleeping—with fierce looks bending,
Gaz'd she upon him, black deeds intending!
Horror profound seized the nurse at that dark vision;
And the dark intruder was soon expelled.
Soon they found the child was failing,
Coming darkness appall'd him.

mental diminuendo complete the picture, which makes a fitting conclusion to a gruesome story. The clock strikes twelve, and with cries of "Cursed be the witch infernal!" the retainers disperse.

SCENE II—*The Gardens of the Palace*

The fair *Leonora* now appears with her faithful companion, *Inez*. She confides to *Inez* her interest in the unknown knight whom she had first seen at the Tournament.

## Tacea la notte placida (Peaceful Was the Night)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | 88420 | 12-inch, | $3.00 |
| By Edith Helena, Soprano | (*In English*) | *35214 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| By Lucia Crestani, Soprano | (*In Italian*) | *16655 | 10-inch, | .75 |

In this wistful air, so unlike the weird music preceding it, she speaks of the *Troubadour* who serenades her, and of the feelings which have been inspired in her breast by his song.

LEONORA:

How calm, how placid, was the night!
The cloudless sky, how clear, how bright!
The moon in splendor shed her light,
And all was hushed in peace around!
Suddenly, on the midnight air,
In tones so sweet and thrilling,
Breathing to Heav'n an earnest pray'r,
My heart with deep joy filling,
I heard a voice oft heard before,
My long-loved knightly Troubadour!

The ladies go into the house just as the *Count*, who is also wooing the fair *Leonora*, appears to watch under her window. He has barely taken his station when the lovely song of the *Troubadour* is heard:

COPY'T MISHKIN

ZEROLA AS MANRICO

## Deserto sulla terra (Naught on Earth is Left Me)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Nicola Zerola, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64172 | 10-inch, | $1.00 |

In this beautiful serenade, one of the gems of the opera, the *Troubadour* sings of his lonely life and the one hope that remains to him.

MANRICO:

Lonely on earth abiding,
Warring 'gainst fate's cruel chiding,
Hope doth one heart implore,
To love the Troubadour!
But that fond treasure gaining,
In faith and love obtaining,
High o'er all kings would soar,
The happy Troubadour!

The Count is filled with rage as *Manrico* appears and confesses his love in song, and when *Leonora* comes forth to greet her lover, the anger of *di Luna* bursts in a storm upon them both, in the strain with which this number opens.

## Di geloso amor sprezzato (Now My Vengeance)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Maria Bernacchi, Soprano; Luigi Colazza, Tenor; Ernesto Caronna, Baritone | (*In Italian*) | *16808 | 10-inch, | $0.75 |

*Manrico* defies him and they agree to fight to the death. *Leonora* implores her lover to stay, but is unable to restrain the jealous passion which inspires the rivals, and after the powerful and exciting trio they rush out with drawn swords, while *Leonora* falls senseless.

### ACT II

SCENE I—*A Gypsy Camp in the Biscay Mountains*

We are now in the gypsy encampment at early morning, as the shadows of night are passing away before the dawn. The men are beginning work, and in this, the famous *Anvil Chorus*, they hammer as they sing.

## La zingarella (Anvil Chorus)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By La Scala Chorus | (*In Italian*) | *62418 | 10-inch, | $0.75 |
| By Victor Orchestra | | *17231 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| By Victor Male Chorus | (*In English*) | *17563 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| By Victor Male Chorus | (*In English*) | 1258 | 10-inch, | .60 |

The swinging tune is accompanied by the ring of blows on the anvil, and the rough voices of the men and the sound of the hammers make a truly impressive musical picture.

CHORUS OF GYPSIES:

See how the shadows of night are flying!
Morn breaketh, Heav'n's glorious arch unveiling:
Like a young widow, who, weary of sighing,
Lays by her garments of sorrow and wailing.
Rouse up, to labor!
Take each his hammer.

MEN:

Who makes the gypsy's, a life with pleasure laden?

WOMEN:

Who makes the gypsy's, a life with pleasure laden, who?

ALL:

The gypsy maiden!

*Double-Faced Record—See page 530.

y, who now appears, proves to be none daughter spoken of in the first act. In ng allotted to her she relates to *Manrico* he death of her mother, who had been s a witch by the father of the present

COPY'T MCINTOSH

HOMER AS AZUCENA

## (Fierce Flames Are Soaring)

ner, Contralto
(*In Italian*) 87033 10-inch, $2.00
i, Contralto
(*In Italian*) *16808 10-inch, .75

ntally lives again through the scene of , each horrible detail of which is indeli- r memory.

o air in the minor, with its deep, rich, es, is well suited to so grim a recital.

roll; the crowd presses
with seeming gladness;
re from all sides re-echo-
d—forth comes a woman!
ning, with wild, unearthly
lame curl, ascending to
roll! on comes the victim

Robed in dark garments, ungirt, unsandal'd;
Fierce cries of vengeance from that dark crowd arise;
Echo repeats them from mountain to mountain.
O'er them reflecting, with wild, unearthly glare.
Dark wreaths of flame curl, ascending to heaven!

his thrilling air by Mme. Homer is a most dramatic and impressive nt lower-priced record is furnished by Mme. Mileri.

LARDE THE CONVENT NEAR CASTELLOR—ACT II

bold martial air, the gypsy's incitements to vengeance being heard at the same time, leading to the vigorous climax of the duet.

SCENE II—*The Cloisters of a Convent*

In this scene we return to the fortunes of the *Count* and *Leonora*. She, believing the *Troubadour* to have been killed, presumably in a recent duel with his rival, has determined to enter a convent. *Di Luna* appears in front of the convent with the intention of carrying her away before the ceremony shall have taken place, and sings his famous air, "Il balen."

## Il balen del suo sorriso (The Tempest of the Heart)

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| **By Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone** | (*In Italian*) | **88175** | **12-inch,** | **$3.00** |
| **By Francesco Cigada, Baritone** | (*In Italian*) | ***16812** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |
| **By Alan Turner, Baritone** | (*In English*) | ***16521** | **10-inch,** | **.75** |

**This solo almost wins the *Count* our sympathy, in spite of ourselves, so genuine and heartfelt an expression of the tender passion it is.**

COUNT:
Of her smile, the radiant gleaming
Pales the starlight's brightest reflection,
While her face with beauty beaming,
Brings me fresh ardor, lends to my affection.

Ah! this love within me burning,
More than words shall plead on my part,
Her bright glances on me turning,
Calm the tempest in my heart!

**The convent bell is heard tolling as a signal for the final rites which make *Leonora* a nun. The *Count*, in a burst of passion, declares they must seize her before she reaches the altar.**

## Per me ora fatale (This Passion That Inspires Me)

**By Ernesto Caronna, Baritone, and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) ***16814** **10-inch, $0.75**

**This declaration is expressed in a vigorous air.**

COUNT (*furiously*):
Oh, hour of fate to me,
Hasten thy lagging moments.
The joy that I anticipate
Is of more than mortal worth!

No rival can I have;
No one dare my love to thwart!
For me hath fate design'd her,
And to me she shall belong!

**They conceal themselves among the trees as the chant of the nuns is heard.**

## Ah! se l'error t'ingombra ('Mid the Shades of Error)

**By Francesco Cigada, Baritone, and La Scala Chorus**
(*In Italian*) ***16550** **10-inch, $0.75**

**They sing of the coming retirement of *Leonora* from the world, while from their place of concealment the *Count* and his retainers speak of their coming triumph.**

CHORUS OF NUNS:
Ah! when the shades of night,
Oh, daughter of Eve, shall close on thee,
Then wilt thou know that life
Is but a shadow, a fleeting dream;—
Yes, like the passing of a shadow
Are all our earthly hopes!

Come, then, and let this mystic veil
From human eye enshroud thee;
Hence let care and worldly thought
For evermore be banish'd.
To Heaven now turn thee, and Heaven
Will open to receive thee!

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 530.*

nt hour impending,
ents urge with speed elating,
ny heart's awaiting,
mortal birth,
oth Heaven, contending
l claims, oppose me,
hese arms enclose thee,
in heav'n or earth,
shall tear thee from me!
ND RETAINERS:
! Let's go—conceal ourselves
shades in haste.
!—Come on—and silence keep,
he soon will hold!

ear, conducting the penitent, the Count's
seize *Leonora*.
f *di Luna* are once more upset, for just as
remony, *Manrico* unexpectedly appears.
nd her lover still living, begins the great trio.

**o crederlo (Blessed Vision)**

**orgi, Cigada and Chorus**

(*In Italian*) *35176 12-inch, $1.25

er religious vows, and the lovers, for the
eir escape, to the chagrin of the baffled
are defeated by *Manrico's* followers.

COPY'T DUPONT

MARTIN AS MANRICO

## ACT III

E I—*The Camp of di Luna*

**la tromba (Soldiers' Chorus)**

Grand Opera Chorus (*In Italian*) 64050 10-inch, $1.00

COPY'T MISHKIN

SLEZAK AS MANRICO

This beautiful lyrical number is a delightful relief after so much that is forcible and dramatic.

MANRICO:
'Tis love, sublime emotion, at such a moment
Bids thy heart still be hopeful.
Ah! love; how blest our life will be
Our fond desires attaining,
My soul shall win fresh ardor,
My arm new courage gaining.
But, if, upon the fatal page
Of destiny impending,
I'm doom'd among the slain to fall,
'Gainst hostile arms contending,
In life's last hour, with fainting breath,
My thoughts will turn to thee.
Preceding thee to Heaven, will death
Alone appear to me!

Quietness soon departs, for the news comes that the attacking party have captured *Azucena*, and are piling up faggots around the stake at which she is to be burnt. Maddened at the approaching outrage upon one whom he believes to be his mother, *Manrico* prepares to rush to her assistance. The air with chorus which forms the climax to this scene is full of martial fire.

## Di quella pira (Tremble, Ye Tyrants)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Francesco Tamagno, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 95006 | 10-inch, | $5.00 |
| By Antonio Paoli, Tenor, and La Scala Chorus | (*In Italian*) | 92032 | 12-inch, | 3.00 |
| By Enrico Caruso, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 87001 | 10-inch, | 2.00 |
| By Nicola Zerola, Tenor | (*In Italian*) | 64170 | 10-inch, | 1.00 |
| By Giovanni Valls, Tenor, and La Scala Chorus | (*In Italian*) | *16809 | 10-inch, | .75 |

It is led up to by a very powerful introductory passage, and the high notes at the end, delivered in robust tones, never fail of their effect.

MANRICO:
Ah! sight of horror! See that pile blazing—
Demons of fury round it stand gazing!
Madness inspiring, Hate now is raging—
Tremble, for vengeance on you shall fall.
Oh! mother dearest, though love may claim me,
Danger, too, threaten, yet will I save thee;
From flames consuming thy form shall snatch'd be,
Or with thee, mother, I too will fall!

Caruso's singing of this number is absolutely electrifying in its effect on the listener, the two famous high C's being easily taken and with the full power of his great voice.

Tamagno's *Manrico* was a figure of noble proportions, and he endowed it with all his splendid vitality. Such a high C had never before been heard, and it electrified the audiences. The record of *Di quella pira* is a faithful repreduction of the great singer's rendition of the famous aria. Paoli, the famous Milan tenor, also gives a vigorous performance of this great air.

Other fine renditions, at a lower price, are given by Zerola and by Signor Valls, assisted by La Scala Chorus.

THE RAMPARTS OF ALIAFERIA—ACT IV

* *Double-Faced Record—See page 530.*

ıth of Leonora

## ACT IV

### SCENE I—*Exterior of the Palace of Alia*

The last act brings us outside the palace of *Aliaferia*, w *di Luna's* men, and the gyspy, are confined in the dungeons. H way to be near her lover, and she now sings the plaintive *D'an*

## D'amor sull' ali rosee (Love, Fly on Rosy Pi

**By Luisa Tetrazzini, Soprano** (*In Italian*
**By Lucia Crestani, Soprano** (*In Italian*

This sad but melodious air reveals her heartfelt grief for th relieve.

LEONORA:

In this dark hour of midnight
I hover round thee, my love!
Ye moaning breezes round me playing,
In pity aid me, my sighs to him conveying!
On rosy wings of love depart,
Bearing my heart's sad wailing,
Visit the prisoner's lonely cell,
Console his spir
Let hope's soft
Around him, co
Recall to his fo
Sweet visions o
But, let no acc
The sorrows, th

And now comes Verdi's most famous operatic scene, the gr

## Miserere (I Have Sighed to Rest Me)

**By Enrico Caruso, Tenor; Frances Alda, Soprano; Chorus of the Metropolitan Opera** (*In Italian*)
**By Destinn and Martinelli** (*In Italian*
**By Olive Kline, Soprano; Harry Macdonough, Tenor; and Victor Chorus** (*In English*)
**By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano; Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor; La Scala Chorus** (*In Italian*)
**By Stevenson, Macdonough and Chorus** (*In English*)
**By Arthur Pryor and Emile Keneke** (*Trombone-Cornet*)
**By Walter Rogers and Arthur Pryor** (*Cornet-Trombone*)

*Leonora* is terror-stricken at the solemn tolling of a deep-to chorus of priests chanting for the soul of a doomed prisoner.

CAMPANINI AS MANRICO

PRIESTS:

Pray that peace may
Whither no care o
follow;
Heav'nly mercy allays
Look up beyond this

Then follows an impressi orchestra, leading to a sobbing l

LEONORA:

What voices of terror
praying?
With omens of fear
the air,
New horrors assail me,
My vision is dim, is

In upon this there brea *Troubadour*, sung within the p cry of devotion from his belov

MANRICO:

Ah! I have sighed to
quiet grave—
Sighed to rest me, but
Oh fare thee well, my l

These fragments, first given separately, are next combined a most impressive scene of touching beauty, for which the opera remembered.

The entrance of *di Luna* brings from *Leonora* a prayer for m appeal is unheeded, or rather it appears to increase the triumph vengeance. The appeal of the unhappy woman and the fierce j powerfully expressed in this magnificent duet.

* *Double-Faced Record—See pages 529 and 530.*

## agrime (Oh, Let My Tears Implore Thee)

iadski, Soprano, and Pasquale Amato, Baritone
(*In Italian*) 89069 12-inch, $4.00
nes, Soprano, and Emilio de Gogorza, Baritone
(*In Italian*) 89022 12-inch, 4.00
ioninsegna, Soprano, and Francesco Cigada, Baritone
(*In Italian*) 91077 10-inch, 2.00
nacchi and Ernesto Caronna (*In Italian*) *16810 10-inch, .75

of despair, *Leonora* makes one last effort. If the *Count* will spare the ill consent to become *di Luna's* wife. She swears to perform her time intending to take poison as soon as *Manrico* is free. *Di Luna's* into joy, while *Leonora,* forgetting her own fate, is filled with happiness e *Troubadour's* release. This situation gives opportunity for another nost thrilling character.

## ıde il giubilo (Oh, Joy, He's Saved)

Gadski, Soprano, and Pasquale Amato, Baritone
(*In Italian*) 89070 12-inch, $4.00
a and Cigada (*In Italian*) 91071 10-inch, 2.00
s and Cigada (*In Italian*) *16811 10-inch, .75

ie *Count* expresses his rapture at the success of his conquest, while e: "Thou shalt possess but a lifeless bride." As the scene changes to secure the release of *Manrico.*

SCENE II—*The Prison Cell of Manrico*

—the famous *Home to Our Mountains.* The scene has changed to the *Azucena* and *Manrico* are together, and the gypsy, with the second-dicts her approaching end.

Matters now move swiftly to a climax. *Leonora* arrives on the scene, bringing *Manrico* the news of his freedom. The joy of meeting is all too soon destroyed when the prisoner finds his liberty to have been purchased at the cost of a happiness which is to him dearer than life itself. He accuses *Leonora* of betraying his love.

## Ha quest' infame (Thou Hast Sold Thyself)

**By Ida Giacomelli, Soprano; Lina Mileri, Contralto; Gino Martinez-Patti, Tenor** (*In Italian*) ***35177 12-inch, $1.25**

Here *Azucena,* who cares nothing for his passion, counsels flight. This gives the elements of the closing trio: *Manrico's* reproaches, *Leonora's* ineffectual protestations, and the gypsy's voice through all, singing dreamily of her mountain home. With these mingled voices dying away into soft harmonies the musical portion of the opera draws to a close.

MANRICO:
Thou giv'st me life? No! I scorn it!
Whence comes this power? what price has bought it?
Thou wilt not speak? oh, dark suspicion!
'Twas from my rival thou purchased thy mission!
Ah! thou hast sold him thy heart's affection!
Barter'd a love once devoted to me!

*Leonora,* who had already taken the poison, now sinks dying at *Manrico's* feet, and he pleads forgiveness as he learns the truth. *Di Luna* now enters, and furious at finding himself cheated of his promised bride, orders the *Troubadour* to instant execution. *Manrico* is taken out by the guards and beheaded.

At the moment of his death, the gypsy awakes, and not seeing *Manrico,* realizes that he has gone to his execution. She drags the *Count* to the window and cries to him: "You have killed your brother!" *Di Luna* utters a wild cry of remorse and falls senseless as the curtain slowly descends.

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**Miserere By Olive Kline, Soprano; Harry Macdonough, Tenor; and Victor Chorus** (*In English*)
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**Miserere By Giacomelli, Martinez-Patti and Chorus** (*In Italian*)
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* *Double-Faced Record—See above list.*

## OK OF THE OPERA—IL TROVATORE

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| ceful Was the Night) By Edith<br>›<br>By Edith Helena, Soprano | (In English)<br>(In English) | 35214 | 12-inch, $1.25 |
| ıtains By Vessella's Italian Band<br>(Verdi) By Kryl's Bohemian Band | | 35239 | 12-inch, 1.25 |
| Victor Orchestra<br>(Michaelis) (Descriptive piece with anvil<br>Arthur Pryor's Band | | 17231 | 10-inch, .75 |
| warthy and Threatening) By Torres<br>l La Scala Chorus<br>As a Vampire You May See Her)<br>de Luna and La Scala Chorus | (In Italian)<br>(In Italian) | 62416 | 10-inch, .75 |
| de Luna and La Scala Chorus<br>da (Peaceful Was the Night)<br>By Lucia Crestani, Soprano | (In Italian)<br>(In Italian) | 16655 | 10-inch, .75 |
| ezzato (Now My Vengeance)<br>ıacchi, Colazza and Caronna<br>erce Flames Are Soaring)<br>By Lina Mileri, Contralto | (In Italian)<br>(In Italian) | 16808 | 10-inch, .75 |
| ıpro assalto (At My Mercy Lay the<br>de Esposito and Luigi Colazza<br>gombra ('Mid the Shades of Error)<br>rancesco Cigada and Chorus | (In Italian)<br>(In Italian) | 16550 | 10-inch, .75 |
| iso (The Tempest of the Heart)<br>y Francesco Cigada, Baritone<br>By Carlos Francisco | (In Italian)<br>(In Italian) | 16812 | 10-inch, .75 |
| rt By Alan Turner<br>ong By Alan Turner | (In English)<br>(In English) | 16521 | 10-inch, .75 |

# THE TRUMPETER OF SÄCKINGEN

## OPERA IN THREE ACTS AND A PROLOGUE

WERNER THE TRUMPETER AND MARGARET VON SÄCKINGEN

Text by B. Bunge; music by Victor Nessler. First production Leipsic, 1884. Presented at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, November 23, 1887, with Robinson and Fischer, and revived there in 1889. Given at the Harlem Opera House, November, 1890, by the Emma Juch Opera Company.

### Characters

THE BARON VON SCHONAU . . . Bass
MARIA, his daughter . . . . . Soprano
COUNT WILDENSTEIN . . . . . Bass
COUNTESS WILDENSTEIN . . Contralto
DAMIAN, son of the Count . . . . Tenor
WERNER KIRCHOFER . . . . . Baritone
KONRADIN, foot soldier . . . . . Bass

*Time and Place: Heidelberg and Säkkingen; seventeenth century.*

Nessler has taken Scheffel's poem and built the charming little metrical romance into an operatic production. The story tells of a young student of Heidelberg, *Werner Kirchofer*, who, with his comrades, is banished from the university for serenading an English princess. The youths join the army, and in due time *Werner* reaches the town of Säkkingen, where the peasants are on the eve of an uprising against the nobles. He manages to protect the *Countess of Wildenstein* and her niece, *Maria*, from the insults of the rabble, and later becomes trumpeter in the castle of *Maria's* father, the *Baron von Schonau*. *Werner* and *Maria* fall in love with each other, but it has already been planned that the young girl shall marry *Damian*, the son of the *Count of Wildenstein*, who is expected at the castle shortly. The *Countess* surprises *Werner* making love to *Maria*, and the *Baron* angrily orders the bugler from the castle. As *Werner* is departing, the Hauenstein peasants rebel against the *Baron* and attack the castle. The trumpeter, gathering the besieged forces together, succeeds in driving off the assailants. In the meantime, *Damian* and his father have arrived, and during the conflict the young man shows himself to be a coward. *Count Wildenstein* happily recognizes *Werner* as his long lost son, who had been stolen as a child by gypsies, and the *Baron*, reconciled, gives the *Trumpeter of Säckingen* his daughter *Maria* for a bride.

A record of the best known air from this popular German opera is offered.

GORITZ AS THE TRUMPETER

**Es hat nicht sollen sein (It Was Not So to Be)**

**By Otto Goritz, Baritone** (*In German*) **74212 12-inch, $1.50**

(French)

# 5 VÊPRES SICILLIENNES

*(Leh Veh-per See-see-lee-en')*

an) (English)

# SICILIANI SICILIAN VESPERS

*-chee-lee-ah'-nee)*

## OPERA IN FIVE ACTS

nd Duveyrier. Music by Verdi. First given at the *Académie*, Paris, performance in Italy at Parma, *Teatro Regio*, December 26, 1855. A ven at La Scala, Milan, in 1856, as *Giovanna di Guzman ;* and at Naples, he title of *Batilde di Turenna*. The first London production was at ı Tietiens, Mongini and Vialetti. The work was presented in New of Music, November 7, 1859, with Colson, Brignoli and Ferri, and re- ıer, 1868.

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### Characters

ORD, Viceroy . . . . . Baritone
ian officer . . . . . Tenor
ÉNE, a prisoner . . . . . Soprano
IDA, a Sicilian conspirator . . . . . Bass

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ıpers followed the composer's *Traviata* and was written for the Paris

THE RIDE OF THE VALKYRIES

(German)
# DIE WALKÜRE
(*Dee Vahl-kuer'-reh*)

(English)
# THE VALKYRIE
(*Vahl-kee'-ree*)

## MUSIC-DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

Text and music by Richard Wagner. Completed in 1856, but not given until June 25, 1870, at Munich. First London production, in English, at Covent Garden, October 16, 1895. First New York production at the Academy of Music, April 2, 1877, with Mme. Pappenheim, Canissa, Listner, Bischoff, Blum and Preusser. Not heard again in New York until January 30, 1885, when Dr. Leopold Damrosch revived the work at the Metropolitan, with Brandt, Schott and Materna. Since that time the work has seldom been absent from the Metropolitan, the latest production being that of 1915, with Kurt, Gadski, Matzenauer, Berger, Ruysdael and Braun. Among the artists who have appeared in the opera during the past thirty years may be mentioned the following: as *Sieglinde*—Fremstad, Ternina, Nordica, Morena, Saltzmann-Stevens, Osborn-Hannah; as *Brünnhilde*—Ternina, Gadski, Walker, Leffler-Burckhard, Matzenauer, Nordica, Litvinne, Weidt; as *Siegmund*—Burrian, Burgstaller, Dalmores, Urlus, Kraus; as *Wotan*—Van Rooy, Griswold, Whitehill, Feinhals and Goritz.

### Characters

SIEGMUND (*Zeeg'-moond*) ..... Tenor
HUNDING (*Hoond'-ing*) ..... Bass
WOTAN (*Voh'-tahn*) ..... Baritone
SIEGLINDE (*Zeeg-lin'-d'h*) ..... Soprano
BRÜNNHILDE (*Bruen-hill'-d'h*) ..... Soprano
FRICKA (*Frik'-ah*) ..... Soprano
VALKYRIES—Gerhilda, Ortlinda, Valtrauta, Sverleita, Helmviga, Siegruna, Grimgerda, Rossvisa.

HUGO BRAUNE HOJO-TO-HO!—HOJO-TO-HO!

*Walküre* is the second in the series of music-dramas composing the *Niebelung Ring*, and to most opera-goers perhaps the most melodious and pleasing. The story is beautiful and compelling, the situations by turn thrilling and pathetic, while the glorious music written by the master to accompany the adventures of his mythical personages is easily understood and appreciated by the average listener.

*Wotan* has been warned by *Erda*, the *Earth Goddess*, that if *Alberich* regains the *Ring* the gods must perish. Brooding over this impending fate, *Wotan* descends to earth and weds the goddess; this union resulting in nine splendid daughters, the *Walküre*, who are to aid in the salvation of the gods. Riding forth each day among the tumult and the strife which prevail on the earth as a result of the Curse of the Ring, they carry to *Walhalla*, on their flying horses, the bravest of the warriors who fall in battle. These revived heroes keep themselves ready to defend *Walhalla* from the *Niebelungs*. But in order to regain the Ring, a brave hero is necessary, who shall be free from the universal curse and who can take it from *Fafner*, now changed into a dragon the better to guard the treasure. With this in mind *Wotan* visits the earth again and weds a mortal who bears him twins, *Siegmund* and *Sieglinde*. While these children are quite young, the brutal *Hunding* finds their cottage, burns it, kills the mother and carries off *Sieglinde*, whom he afterward forces to become his bride.

The father and son return and swear vengeance on *Hunding*. *Wotan* (known as *Volse* on earth) returns to *Walhalla*, leaving the young *Siegmund* to fight alone and become a self-reliant hero. This is the situation when the action begins.

PHOTO WHITE FIRST ACT SCENE AT THE METROPOLITAN

what I have done,
I so shamefully am scourged?
*(Walküre, Act III.)*

## ACT I

SCENE I—*Interior of Hunding's Hut in the Forest—a Large Tree rises through the Roof*

The prelude represents a fearful storm in the forest, in the midst of which *Siegmund* rushes in exhausted, and falls by the fire. *Sieglinde* gives him refreshment and feels drawn to him by some strange attraction. While they are conversing, *Hunding* enters, and after questioning the stranger, recognizes in him his mortal enemy. He says, "Thou shalt have shelter from the storm to-night, but to-morrow thou diest!" and goes to his room, bidding *Sieglinde* prepare his evening drink. She does so but puts a drug in it to make him sleep soundly, and returns to *Siegmund*, unable to control her interest in the mysterious youth who has so strangely affected her.

Then occurs the lovely *Liebeslied*, the gem of this beautiful first act.

### Siegmund's Liebeslied (Siegmund's Love Song)

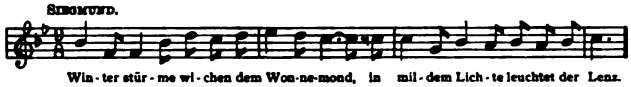
**By Riccardo Martin, Tenor** (*German*) **88276 12-in., $3.00**

**By George Hamlin, Tenor** (*German*) **74111 12-in., 1.50**

**By Tollefsen Trio** (*Violin-'Cello-Piano*) ***17749 10-in., .75**

SIEGLINDE AND SIEGMUND—ACT I

The hut, which has been in semi-darkness, is suddenly illumined by the blowing open of the great door at the back, and without can be seen the beauty of the spring night after the storm. The full moon shines in upon them, so that they see each other clearly for the first time. *Siegmund*, in ecstasy, rhapsodizes Spring and Love:




*Winter storms have waned, to the winsome moon, in mild ex-cen-dance smileth the Spring.*

He takes her hand, seats her beside him on the rude bench, and continues:

SIEGMUND:

With balmy breezes, soft and soothing,
Wonders weaving, on he wends,
Through wood and meadow wafts his breathing,
Wide and lustrous laughs his eye;
In songs of birds his silv'ry voice resounds,
Wondrous fragrance he outbreathes;
From his living blood the loveliest flowers are blooming
Leaf and spray spring forth at his voice.
With gentle sceptre's sway he ruleth the world;
Winter and storm wane as his strength awakes:
By dint of his hardy striving
The stoutest doors he is cleaving,
Which, stubborn and strong, once held us from him!
To greet his sister swiftly he flies;
Thus Love the spring hath allured.
Within our bosoms Love lay asleep
That now laughs out to the light
The bride and the sister is freed by the brother;
Destroyed the walls that held them apart;
Joyous meet now the youthful pair;
United are Love and Spring!

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**Double-Faced Record—See page 545.*

SIEGMUND AND SIEGLINDE

Each and all that came near.
But thee, now, I thoroughly knew;
When these eyes fell on thee
Wert thou mine own one.
What my heart long had held,

SIEGMUND:
Joyous meet now the yout
United are Love and Sprin
SIEGLINDE (*pushing back the*
*and gazing at him in wo*
Thou art the Spring,
For thee have I sighed
'Neath the frost-fettered w
Tow'rd thee leapt my h
thrill,
When thy radiant glance
Foreign seemed all till now
Friendless I and forsaken
I counted strange and unk
What was hid, clear
Dawned on my eyes,
The dulcet refrain fe
When in winter's fro
A friend first awaited

*Sieglinde* then tells *Siegmund* the story of the Sword—how at her suddenly appeared and thrust into the trunk of the tree a magic swo only to him who could take it out. The stranger had secretly told *Sieglinde* that no one but *Siegmund* would have power to remove it.

*Siegmund* rises eagerly, and going to the tree withdraws the sword with a mighty effort. The reunited brother and sister embrace each other and agree to fly from the power of *Hunding*. The curtain falls as they pass out into the moonlit forest.

The love scenes between *Sieglinde* and *Siegmund* should be considered in their allegorical and poetical sense, and not judged by modern ethical standards. Wagner intended this episode to represent the union of Love and Spring.

## ACT II

### SCENE 1—*A Wild and Rocky Pass*

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THE WONDERFUL SETTING OF ACT II AT THE METROPOLITAN

## Ho, yo, to, ho! (Brünnhilde's Battle Cry)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano** (*In German*) **87002 10-inch, $2.00**

Gadski is always a statuesquely beautiful *Brünnhilde,* and her voice glorifies this music, in which many persons, insensible to the poetic depth and power of the story, hear only noisy declamation. In this first scene especially, she brings into beautiful relief the joyful nature of the *Valkyrie,* and her cries are full of eager, happy vitality. Some idea of the difficult nature of this famous *Battle Cry* may be had from these few measures:

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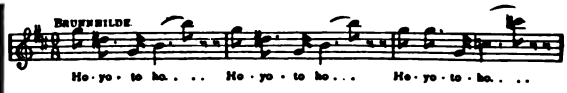
GADSKI AS BRÜNNHILDE




Mme. Gadski, however, surmounts these difficulties with ease, and the aria is a really wonderful specimen of both singing and recording.

BRÜNNHILDE:
Ho-yo-to-ho! Ho-yo-to-ho! Hei-aha!
But listen, father! care for thyself;
For a storm o'er thee will break;
Fricka, thy busy wife, approacheth in her ram-impelled car.
Ha! how she swings her golden whip!
The frighten'd goats are fainting with fear,
Wheels rattling and rolling whirl her here to the fight.
At such a time away I would be,
Tho' my delight is in scenes of war!
Take heed that defeat be not thine,
For now I must leave thee to fate!

*Brünnhilde* is right—*Wotan* is in for a scolding, as *Fricka* now appears in an extremely bad humor. *Hunding* has appealed to her, the guardian of marriage, for help, and she insists that *Siegmund* be punished. *Wotan* protests that this true love romance should not be interfered with, but the wrathful wife reminds him that the whole

difficulty is but the result of his own infidelity, and he is finally forced to swear that *Siegmund* shall be punished.

*Fricka* then triumphantly calls to *Brünnhilde* that *Wotan* has further instructions for her. *Brünnhilde* finds her father in deep dejection, and when she questions him he confides to her his efforts to find a hero who shall banish the curse, but says his quest has been in vain. He bids her see that victory goes to *Hunding*. She protests, but he sternly commands obedience and leaves her.

*Siegmund* and *Sieglinde* now appear, fleeing from the wrath of *Hunding*. *Sieglinde's* strength has failed her, and she falls down exhausted. *Brünnhilde* comes to the lovers and tells *Siegmund* he must die. He scorns her prophecy and says his sword will not fail him. *Hunding's* voice is now heard, and in a sudden wave of sympathy *Brünnhilde* resolves to defend the young lovers.

*Siegmund* rushes to meet *Hunding*, and amid flashes of lightning the warriors can be seen in deadly combat, while *Brünnhilde* is visible flying above *Siegmund* and protecting him. *Wotan*, seeing the situation, then appears and causes *Siegmund* to fall by his opponent's sword, but also strikes down *Hunding*.

*Brünnhilde* retreats in terror from her father's wrath, and runs to protect *Sieglinde*. She lifts the helpless maiden on her horse and they disappear.

PHOTO MATZENE GERVILLE-REACHÉ AS FRICKA

THE DEATH OF SIEGMUND

**Double-Faced Record—See page 545.*

## ACT III

### SCENE 1—*The Summit of a Rocky Mountain*

The act opens with the wonderful *Ride of the Valkyries*, one of the most striking of all the master's compositions. This is graphically pictured in the splendid record by Vessella's Band and in the La Scala Record.

## Cavalcata (Ride of the Valkyries)

**By Vessella's Italian Band**
***35369 12-inch $1.25**

**By La Scala Orchestra**
***62693 10-inch, .75**

In the *Ride of the Valkyries* Wagner pictures the wild and warlike nature of the "warrior maids." It is one of the most tremendous compositions in existence. The wild shouts of the goddesses as they ride their winged steeds through the air to the Rock, the warlike cries of *Brünnhilde* and the neighing of the war horses are splendidly portrayed.

## K OF THE OPERA—WAGNER'S DIE WALKÜRE

e *Brünnhilde* flying
tly in great distress.
her sisters to shield
of *Wotan*, who is
but they dare not

lp in hardest need!

all haste?
So flee but culprits

ine pursued in flight;
ne down!

*Sieglinde* flee alone,
is destined to bear
the hero *Siegfried*.

**(Fly Then**

**e Matzenauer,**
*(In German)*
**2 10-inch, $2.00**

HUGO BRAUNE

WOTAN IN PURSUIT OF BRÜNNHILDE

nd speed to the east!
all trials to bear.

This only heed and hold it ever:
The highest hero of worlds hidest thou,

BRÜNNHILDE (*violently startled*):
Thou disownest me? Thine aim I divine!
WOTAN:
From heavenly clans art thou excluded,
Bann'd, degraded from thy blessed degree;
For broken now is our bond; exiled for aye
Art thou banished from bliss.

**He then tells her that she must be put in a deep sleep, and shall be wakened by the first man who passes. She pleads with him in a beautiful appeal.**

## Brünnhilde's Bitte (Brünnhilde's Appeal)

**By Johanna Gadski, Soprano**
(*In German*) **88183 12-inch, $3.00**

BRÜNNHILDE:
Was it so shameful, what I have done,
That for my deed I so shamefully am scourged?
Was it so base to warp thy command, that thou
For me such debasement must shape?
Was't such dishonor what I have wrought
That it should rob me of honor for aye?
O speak, father! see me before thee: soften thy wrath;
Wreak not thine ire, but make to me clear the mortal
Guilt that with cruel firmness compels thee to
Cast off thy favorite child!

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JOURNET AS WOTAN

BRÜNNHILDE:
O speak, father! see me before thee: soften thy wrath!

***Wotan,* deeply moved, softens his stern decree, and consents that she shall be won only by a great hero who can brave the flames with which she is to be surrounded. He then bids her farewell in the splendid *Abschied.***

## Wotan's Abschied (I) (Wotan's Farewell, Part I)

**By Clarence Whitehill, Baritone**
(*German*) **64278 10-in., $1.00**

WOTAN:
Farewell, my brave and beautiful child!
Thou once the light and life of my heart!
Farewell! Farewell! Farewell!
Loth I must leave thee; no more in love
May I grant thee my greeting;
Henceforth my maid no more with me rideth,
Nor waiteth wine to reach me!
When I relinquish thee, my beloved one,
Thou laughing delight of my eyes,
Thy bed shall be lit with torches more brilliant
Than ever for bridal have burned!
Fiery gleams shall girdle the fell,
With terrible scorchings scaring the timid
Who, cowed, may cross not Brünnhilde's couch
For one alone freeth the bride;
One freer than I; the God!

***Brünnhilde* sinks, wrapt and transfigured, on *Wotan's* breast; he holds her in a long embrace. She throws her head back again and gazes with solemn emotion into her father's eyes.**

WOTAN

## Wotan's Abschied (II) (Wotan's Farewell, Part II)

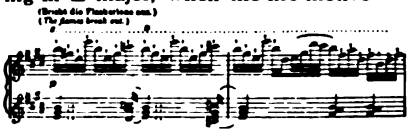
**By Clarence Whitehill, Baritone**
*(In German)* **74305 12-inch, $1.50**

WOTAN:
Those eyes so lustrous and clear,
Which oft in love I have kissed,
When warlike longings won my lauding,
Or when with lisping of heroes leal thy honied lips were inspired;
Those effulgent, glorious eyes,
Whose flash my gloom oft dispelled,
When hopeless cravings my heart discouraged,
Or when my wishes t'wart wordly pleasure from wild warfare were turning—
Their lustrous gaze lights on me now as my lips imprint this last farewell!
On happier mortal here shall they beam;
The grief-suffering god may never henceforth behold them!
Now heart-torn, he gives thee his kiss,
And taketh thy godhood away!

He imprints a long kiss on her eyes; she sinks back in his arms with closed eyes, her powers gently departing. He tenderly helps her to lie upon a low mossy lounge, completely covers her with the great steel He slowly moves away, then directs the ard a huge stone, and summons the *God*

ki hear! Listen and heed!

Then follows a long modulation ending in E major, when the fire motive



begins and continues with all its varied changes and modulations to the close of the opera.

*Wotan* directs, with his spear, the fiery flood to encircle the rocks.

WOTAN:
He who my spear in spirit feareth,
Ne'er springs through this fiery bar!

He casts a last look on *Brünnhilde* and disappears through the fire.

FRICKA IN HER RAM CHARIOT

(*The curtain falls.*)

## DOUBLE-FACED DIE WALKURE RECORDS

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| **Magic Fire Scene** — By Vessella's Italian Band<br>*Rienzi Overture* (*Wagner*) — *By Pryor's Band* | 35387 | 12-inch, | $1.25 |
| **Magic Fire Spell** (Transcription by Brassin) — By Julius L. Schendel, Pianist<br>(*1*) *Rustle of Spring* (*Sinding*) (*2*) *Papillon* (*Grieg*) — *By Julius L. Schendel, Pianist* | 35448 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Ride of the Valkyries** — By Vessella's Italian Band<br>*Gotterdammerung—Siegfried's Funeral March* — *By Vessella's Band* | 35369 | 12-inch, | 1.25 |
| **Ride of the Valkyries** — By La Scala Orchestra<br>*Lohengrin—Prelude, Act III* — *By La Scala Orchestra* | 62693 | 10-inch, | .75 |
| **Siegmund's Love Song** (*Violin-'Cello-Piano*) — By Tollefsen Trio<br>*Romance* (*Rubinstein*) (*Violin-'Cello-Piano*) — *By Tollefsen Trio* | 17749 | 10-inch, | .75 |

HUGO BRAUNE — WOTAN SUMMONING THE FIRE GOD

## OF THE OPERA—LEONCAVALLO'S ZAZA

The rising curtain discloses a stage set in two sections, at one side the dressing room of *Zaza,* and at the other the end of a stage setting. *Zaza,* a concert hall singer, is in love with *Dufresne,* and boasts to *Buzzy,* the journalist, that she will have his love in return. She exerts all her charms, and *Dufresne* finally falls in love with the fascinating singer.

The second act takes place in the reception room of *Zaza's* house. *Dufresne* tells *Zaza* that he must leave her to go to America for several months. She pleads with him not to go, and he finally consents to postpone his trip, but tells her he must go to Paris at once on business. *Cascart,* an old lover of *Zaza's,* enters and hints that *Dufresne* may have other reasons for the trip, and speaks of seeing him in Paris with another woman. *Zaza's* jealousy nces her intention of following him to Paris.

SAMMARCO AS CASCART

room in *Dufresne's* house in Paris. *Zaza* enters, accompanied by g a letter addressed to *Signora Dufresne,* she realizes that he is ıter, and finally *Signora Dufresne* herself, who gazes with astonish- merely says she has made a mistake in the house and goes away

Die Schweiz

## Characters

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM TELL, | Swiss Patriots | Bass |
| ARNOLD, suitor of Matilda, | Swiss Patriots | Tenor |
| WALTER FÜRST, | Swiss Patriots | Bass |
| MELCTHAL, Arnold's father | | Bass |
| GESSLER, Governor of Schwitz and Uri | | Bass |
| LEUTHOLD, a shepherd | | Bass |
| MATILDA, daughter of Gessler | | Soprano |
| HEDWIGA, Tell's wife | | Soprano |
| JEMMY, Tell's son | | Soprano |

Chorus of Peasants of the Three Cantons; Knights, Pages and Ladies of the train of Matilda; Hunters, Soldiers and Guards of Gessler.

*Scene and Period: Switzerland; thirteenth century.*

ACADEMIE ROYALE DE MUSIQUE.

GUILLAUME TELL,

( LES ENTREES DE FAVEUR SONT SUSPENDUES )

FROM THE OPERA ARCHIVES

PROGRAM OF WILLIAM TELL PREMIERE, PARIS OPERA, 1829

## THE PLOT

The story of *Tell*, the distinguished patriot, and chief instrument of the revolution which delivered the Swiss cantons from the German yoke in 1207, has been taken by Rossini for the theme of one of his most admired operas, the dramatic interest being heightened by the introduction of love scenes and other episodes.

In the libretto by Jouy and Marast *Gessler* is endowed with a beautiful and amiable daughter, *Matilda*, who has been saved from a watery grave by *Arnold*, son of *Melcthal*, the patriarch of the country, and a determined opponent of the tyrannies of *Gessler*. As a matter of course, mutual attachment ensues, and leads to the troubles which might have been expected from so ill-sorted a connection.

At the opening of the opera we learn that an agent of *Gessler's* has attempted an outrage on the daughter of a herdsman, and has been slain by her father, *Leuthold*. Obliged to fly the country after this act of vengeance, it becomes necessary to cross Lake Lucerne while the weather is so adverse that none of the boatmen will row the old man across the tempestuous waters. *William Tell* finally undertakes the rescue, and by so doing incurs the mortal hatred of *Gessler*.

As time progresses, the people become more and more disaffected; and the father of *Arnold*, suspected of inciting them to acts of insubordination, is seized by *Gessler* and executed. The son's feelings are thus subjected to a severe conflict between his love for *Matilda*, *Gessler's* daughter, his duty to his country, and his desire to avenge his father's death. He, however, renounces his love, and joins the band of patriots now marshaled under *William Tell*. Events are brought to a climax by *Gessler* causing a cap to be elevated on a pole, and requiring all passers-by to bow to it. *Tell* firmly refuses to do so, and is thereupon subjected to the ordeal of the apple, being required, under pain of death, to shoot at an apple placed on the head of his son. Although the distance was considerable, he was able to strike the apple off without injuring the child. The tyrant, perceiving another arrow concealed under *Tell's* cloak, asks him for what purpose it was intended. To which he boldly replies, "To have shot you to the heart, if I had killed my son!" The enraged governor orders him to be hanged; but the Swiss, animated by such fortitude and patriotism, fly to arms, attack and vanquish *Gessler*, who is shot by *Tell*. *Matilda* and *Arnold* are united, and the independence of the country is assured.

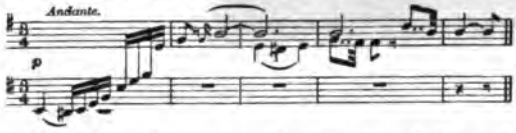
CAUTIN-BERGER

THE TYRANT GESSLER

## THE OVERTURE

hich is played probably as often as any other single work at concerts alled by Berlioz "a symphony in four parts." It is a fitting prelude abounds in beautiful contrasts.

lante depicts the serene solitude of Nature at dawn, and the music is l. From the slowly-climbing figure on the 'cello:




: air resolves after a time into a more definite rhythmic tune, soon neditation, which continues to the close of the movement. Although lly a 'cello solo, the orchestral background is exceedingly beautiful, the · effective with its sustained shake on the richest string of the 'cello, ps gently away, downwards, climbing up to serenity again just at the last. d of the Andante is rudely interrupted by the beginning of the second passage suggesting the distant mutterings of a storm. This comes ntil the full fury of the storm bursts upon the ear. The *fortissimo* pas- he storm seems to have spent its force and the strain dies down into nce more.

eeds a beautiful pastoral with a delicious melody for the English horn, 'with the gamboling of the flute above this calm chant producing a nd gayety." As the last notes of the melody die away, the trumpets fanfare on the splendid finale, a fitting climax to a great work.

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## ACT I

SCENE—*A Village in the Canton of Uri*

The curtain rises on a peaceful scene, showing a charming village with the house of *William Tell* in the foreground. *Tell* and his family are engaged in rural occupations, and the fishermen, while they prepare to put out the boats, sing a lovely *barcarolle.*

### Accours dans ma nacelle (Come, Love, in My Boat)

M. Regis, Tenor (*Double-faced—See p. 556*) (*In French*) *45026 10-inch, $1.00

FIRST ACT SCENE

FISHERMEN:
Come hither, my dearest love!
In my little boat embark;
Ah! hither come, and with thy smile
My loving heart rejoice.
Though leave I must, Eliza, dear,
Do not let me alone depart;
See how the shining sky above
A brilliant day doth augur.
Gentle as the bending rosebud,
Born in the morning's early dew,
Heaven's threaten'd tempests wild
Will thy presence, love, appease;
When by your side I'm seated,
What new life my soul receives!
There's a Providence above us
Our heart's affections will protect.

A horn sounds as the signal for the beginning of the annual Shepherds' Festival, at which three marriages are to be celebrated by *Melcthal,* the patriarch of the village. *Arnold, Melcthal's* son, is saddened at the signal, thinking of his own love, *Matilda,* who is the daughter of the tyrant *Gessler.*

*Tell* confides to *Arnold* some of his plans for overthrowing the power of *Gessler,* and asks *Arnold* to assist.

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